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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

RIGHT AS RAIN With the reservoir in the background, the San Roque Dam watershed in the town of San Manuel, Dagupan, Pangasinan, lit up with volunteers planting trees. The activity was ongoing long before the worst of the monsoon's torrential rains was yet to come.

₱352-B flood control plan

The week that washed (out)

(CLOCKWISE) BEHOLD THE CHILD Alexis Jay Presiano, 4, with the farhers look stays close to her puppy at an evacuation center in Tarlac.

SUPPER THE LITTLE CHILDREN Mia, 2; Ashley, 3; and Abi, 2, keep close to each other at their temporary home in Malandog Elementary School in Marikina.

FAVORITE SPORT Two men hang on for dear life onto a basketball hoop.

A DAY IN THE LIFE After the laundry is done, evacuees attend to their routinary household chores at Mauggahan covered court in Rodriguez, Rizal.

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WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY: Some showers and thunderstorms partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated showers or thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon or evening.

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Dagupan City	Partly Cloudy	Iloilo	Partly Cloudy
Laoag	Partly Cloudy	Dumaguete	Partly Cloudy
Puerto Princesa	Partly Cloudy	Zamboanga	Partly Cloudy
Legazpi	Partly Cloudy	Cagayan de Oro	Partly Cloudy
Catarman	Partly Cloudy	General Santos	Partly Cloudy

Source: Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa)

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P-Noy ally insists on De Lima–Tupas

By Christian V. Esguerra

AN ALLY of President Aquino's yesterday acknowledged that Malacañang's representative to the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) was trying to accommodate Justice Secretary Leila de Lima and two others in the short list of nominees so that they could be considered in the choice for the next Chief Justice.

Rep. Rep. Niel Tupas Jr., the House representative to the JBC and a key supporter of the Aquino, said the purported accommodation by Michael Frederick Musngi was "understandable" given that he represents the executive branch.

Musngi—who works under the Office of the President's Office of Special Concerns—was appointed by Malacañang to the JBC after De Lima withdrew herself from the proceedings because she was eyeing the vacant Chief Justice post as well.

"Pwede, pwedeng sila (defense because he is the representative of the executive [branch]," Tupas replied in Filipino when asked in a phone interview if some JBC members were trying to accommodate De Lima, who has two pending disbarment cases against her. "But we cannot say that of the other members who are very objective."

Tupas added: "That's understandable because he is there (executive branch)."

De Lima, along with Solicitor General Francis Jardeleza and Chair Teresita Herbosa of the Securities and Exchange Commission, could be disqualified under Section 3 of the JBC rules, which bars "those with pending criminal and/ regular administrative cases" from being considered in the short list of Chief Justice candidates.

De Lima is facing disbarment cases for delaying a Supreme Court congressional redistricting order and for publicly attacking then Chief Justice Renato Corona. She also testified for the prosecution, which was headed by Tupas, in the Corona impeachment trial earlier this year.

In the JBC meeting on Friday, Tupas said Musngi asked the body to "amend or suspend" the rule on disqualification.

"All three (nominees) who would be affected are from the executive (branch), so he has to defend (them), namely, the Ombudsman, Herbosa and [Jardeleza]," recalled Tupas, who said that he was amenable to suspending the rule on disqualification but not amending it at this time.

Tupas said an amendment to Section 3—a proposal he said he had made in early to August 2011—would require publication and, as such, would not benefit the present crop of nominees. But he said some JBC members also believe that even a suspension of the rule would need the same requirement and therefore "cannot apply now."

Willing to listen

Tupas insisted to give the JBC the discretion to determine which pending cases would be allowed to affect a particular nomination.

"I am willing to listen to the arguments (during the next JBC meeting) on Monday if they insist (the suspension) to take effect now or to take effect prospectively," the lawmaker said.

But apparently more crucial than the proposed suspension or amendment to Section 3 was the "privileged motion" by another JBC member questioning the integrity of De Lima, Herbosa and Jardeleza.

Tupas declined to name the JBC members, but described the motion as a "counter move" against Musngi's push to lift the rule on disqualification. He said the motion was similar to the powerful rule in the Commission on Appointments that allows a lone member to block any appointment.

Runaway yes (That's a killer move)," he said, noting that under the rules, a motion questioning the integrity of a nominee could be debated only by a unanimous vote.

Reconsider motion

Only if the JBC member reconsiders the motion could the council proceed with the voting on whether to suspend or amend the rule on disqualification, and therefore, allow De Li-

Suspected Abu kidnapper nabbed

By Philip C. Tubeza

POLICE and military operatives arrested on Thursday a suspected member of the Abu Sayyaf in Zamboanga City, a police official said yesterday.

Police Director Samuel D. Pagdilao Jr., Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) chief, said Janajo Sukkain, alias Abu Pulitan, was arrested at the Zamboanga City public market after civilian agents tipped off authorities on the suspect's whereabouts.

"Members of the CIDG's Community Investigation Support (CIS) group and two witnesses under the government witness protection program positively identified the suspect as being under the command of Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon in Basilan," Pagdilao said.

The suspect, a resident of Rio Hondo, Zamboanga City, was nabbed at around 7:30 a.m. on Thursday by members of the CIDG, Air Force intelligence and the Philippine Center for Transnational Crime.

Sukkain, accused for kidnapping and serious illegal detention, was among the Abu Sayyaf members involved in the hostage-taking incident at Golden Harvest Plantation in Barangay Tabian, Lantawan, Basilan, in June 2001, police said.

Police Senior Supt. Edgar C. Doruta, CIDG Region IX chief, said the suspect was still "fairly young at that time" but was one of those seen carrying high-powered firearms among the Abu Sayyaf members.

At that time, the fanatics had kidnapped a 11-year-old boy and held him captive together with other hostages in the mountainous areas of Lantawan, Isabela, and Sumisip, in Basilan, for four months.

Dagdilao lauded the efforts of the CIS in helping arrest Sukkain, who has been on the run for years.

The CIS, an auxiliary organization composed of over 15,000 members nationwide, has been assisting the CIDG in arresting fugitives, busting criminal gangs and swallowing loose firearms.

DOH Health Advisory

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- Pamumula ng mga mata sa ibang pasyente
- Paninilaw ng balat
- Kulay tsa-a na ihi
- Kakaunti ang inihi
- Sobrang pananakit ng ulo

Pag-iwas at Pagsugpo:

- Iwasang lumusong o lumangoy sa baha at maruming tubig
- Gumamit ng bota kung hindi maiiwasang lumusong sa baha at maruming tubig
- Sugpuin ang mga daga sa bahay
- Panatilihing malinis ang buong bahay

Kung may lagnat na ng 2 araw, lalo na kung lumusong sa baha, agad na komunsulta sa pinakamalapit na Health Center upang masiguro ang iyong kalusugan.

China willing to ease tensions, says top envoy

JAKARTA—China's top diplomat said on Friday the country was willing to ease differences over the handling of territorial disputes in the South China Sea (West Philippine Sea) and build a consensus to finally adopt a regional code of conduct over the disputed waters.

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi is on a two-day visit to Indonesia after his Indonesian counterpart, Marty Natalegawa, made whirlwind visits to Southeast Asian nations trying to smooth over discords over the handling of the South China Sea disputes.

A recent meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) ended in disarray after the regional body declined to issue a concluding joint statement mentioning the ongoing maritime disputes between China, on one hand, and the Philippines and Vietnam on the other. Diplomats of the Philippines and Cambodia, which hosted the Asean meet, have since been exchanging barbs over who was to blame for the meeting's controversial end.

Yang said at a joint news conference on Friday that China was willing to work with Asean to implement the Declaration of Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea. That document was signed by Asean and China in 2002 and discourages aggressive acts that might spark clashes, but it has not yet been implemented.

Framework

China was also willing "on the basis of consensus" to work toward the eventual adoption of the Code of Conduct on the South China Sea," Yang said. China has yet to sign that document, an advanced framework for peacefully resolving disputes in the South China Sea.

Four Asean members—Brunei, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines...plus China and Taiwan claim all or part of the South China Sea, which is rich in fishing, has some of the world's busiest sea lanes and is believed to have vast energy deposits.

China has long said it wants to handle disputes over its claims bilaterally, while the other claimants have tried to raise the issue in international forums.

Yang did not raise those differences in his remarks.

Department of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Raul Hernandez welcomed China's remarks, saying existing commitment to action in an atmosphere of mutual trust is key in resolving the escalating maritime disputes.

"It is important for the region that Asean and China take concrete actions as per our commitments to work," Hernandez said in a statement sent to the Inquirer yesterday.

Mutual trust

"A meaningful and credible regional code of conduct will be key to these efforts," he said.

He reiterated the need for claimant countries to comply with international law in resolving the discord.

"The West Philippine Sea issue requires all parties to foster an atmosphere of mutual trust as we continue to explore peaceful approaches to addressing the disputes and consider mutually acceptable solutions that are in accordance with principles of international law including [United Nations] Convention on the Law of the Sea," Hernandez said.

Yang is visiting Indonesia, Brunei and Malaysia. He is not scheduled to visit Manila, however.

The Philippines has sent a slew of protests to China against several incursions in the West Philippine Sea and, most recently, Chinese settlement in Sanshe City, its administrative and military establishment supposed to govern the disputes.

AP, Steve Quiambao

Gov't, MILF close to power, wealth sharing agreement

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE PEACE panels of the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) yesterday ended their latest round of negotiations in Kuala Lumpur, having "reached consensus" on some issues regarding power sharing and wealth sharing.

In a joint statement, both panels also condemned the recent "senseless attacks" by the so-called Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Movement (BIFF-BIFM), as well as the violent acts of lawless elements in several areas of Mindanao.

The BIFF, a breakaway faction of the MILF, attacked military and police patrols in the vicinity of Mindanao State University in Marawi City last week. The MILF has been waging a secessionist war in southern Philippines for the past four decades.

Detail peace process

In their joint statement, the government and MILF panels said the recent BIFF-BIFM attacks were attempts to try to derail the peace process in Mindanao.

"The GPH [Government of the Philippines] and the MILF denounce these aggressions or dirty spoiling by groups who will do everything to derail the peace process," the joint statement said.

"The parties will work together to ensure that these spoilers will not succeed in the joyless creations to push forward to bring a just and lasting peace to our peoples and communities," it added.

"In the round of talks, the parties negotiated their respective Technical Working Groups (TWGs) on Power Sharing and Wealth Sharing. Both TWGs discussed and reached consensus on some issues on power sharing, revenue generation and wealth sharing arrangements," the joint statement said.

"The parties were the progress in the discussion on a framework agreement. The parties agreed to meet again in late August 2013," it added.

The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process described the talks as the "last stretch of the negotiations." Both sides were already discussing substantial issues, it added.

The Aquino administration has promised to divulge to the public the details of any agreement with the MILF before it is signed.

Undesirable resentment

Both panels thanked Peace Adviser Teresita Deles, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak and the MILF Central Committee headed by MILF Chair Al Haj Murad Ebrahim for their support for the peace process.

They also thanked the members of the International Contact Group (ICG), namely: Japan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Conciliation Resources, Muhammadiyah and The Asia Foundation for their support.

"Our negotiations are proceeding with undesirable enthusiasm," government panel head Marvic Leonen said when the latest round of negotiations began.

MILF panel chair Mohagher Iqbal urged his counterpart to "persevere," saying that he "expects every sort of obstacle and complication...but that bargaining becomes more intense in the final stage."

More overseas Pinoys sign up to vote in 2013 polls

MORE THAN 200,000 overseas Filipinos have signed up for overseas absentee voting (OAV) as the Department of Foreign Affairs stepped up its campaign to encourage up to a million Filipino emigrants to register ahead of next year's midterm elections.

The DFA said total OAV registration has reached the 600,000 mark as Philippine missions all over the world posted 212,000 new registrants this month. This is in addition to the more than 388,000 individuals already in the OAV list.

The climb in figures "indicates that the target one million registered voters for the upcoming 2013 senatorial and party-list elections is about to be reached," the DFA said in a statement yesterday.

Of the new registrants, some 36,591 came from the Middle East and Africa; 21,793 from the Americas; 21,959 from Europe, and 20,033 from the Asia Pacific.

A total 101,859, meanwhile, registered in local OAV registration centers before leaving the Philippines, including those at the airport, overseas employment and welfare offices, said DFA's OAV website.

The DFA said its diplomatic posts around the world have stepped up efforts to encourage wider participation in the OAV through online campaigns and touching base with Filipino communities abroad.

Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario has also sent letters to some 4,000 Filipino community leaders around the world to seek support for the OAV.

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4. Reports to Stockholders for the Year 2011
5. Ratification of Acts of the Board and Management for 2011
6. Election of Board of Directors for the Ensuing Term
7. Appointment of External Auditor
8. Appointment of Internal Counsel
9. Other Business as may properly come before the Meeting
10. Adjournment

As fixed by the Board of Directors, stockholders of record as of July 26, 2012 shall be entitled to notice of, and vote at, said stockholders' meeting, and for this purpose, the Board of Directors authorized the closing of the stock and transfer book of the Corporation during the period July 27, 2012 to August 18, 2012.

If you are not attending, you may submit a proxy instrument to the Office of the Corporate Secretary of this corporation at the address below. Corporate stockholders are requested to attach to the proxy instrument, their respective board resolutions or equivalent documents.

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Seamen end up as fishers in Taiwan

By Tina G. Santos

THE PHILIPPINE Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has suspended a manning agency due allegedly deployed seafarers to fishing vessels in Taiwan.

POEA Administrator Hans Leo Cacdac suspended the license of JMP Polaris Navigation Inc. after 12 seamen accused the company of contract substitution, misrepresentation, maltreatment and collecting bribes from them.

Apart from JMP Polaris, also included in the seafarers' complaints were the owners of Tai-sen-no fishing vessels Hsin Fahsery Co. Ltd. and Jui Hsu Fishery Ltd.

Cacdac said the owners of the fishing vessels were suspended from participating in the overseas employment program pending an investigation.

Cacdac reminded job applicants that agencies were barred from recruitment activities while under preventive suspension.

In their complaint, the seafarers said they were recruited by JMP Polaris Navigation Inc. early this year to work as mariners, deck cadets and engine cadets with a monthly salary of $550 to $586.

Total prohibition

The complainants alleged the agency's crewing and operations manager assisted them of employment as seafarers on an international vessel but that they would have to pay P35,000 each from many documentations.

Cacdac said there was a total prohibition on collecting fees from seafarers.

"Under POEA rules and regulations governing the recruitment and employment of seafarers, manning agencies are prohibited from charging or arranging directly or indirectly any amount of money, goods or services, or any fee or bond for any purpose from the seafarers," Cacdac said.

He said the 12 complainants asserted that they paid JMP Polaris a total of P360,000.

The complainants said that after submitting the required documents and signing their employment contracts, they left the country for Taiwan on separate dates between January and March 2012.

At the airport prior to their departure, an employee of JMP Polaris reportedly told them that the positions in their respective contracts would be changed to "fisherman."

Nonetheless, the seafarers boarded their plane to Taiwan and ended up working on fishing vessels owned by Hsin Hsu Fishery Co. Ltd. and Jui Hsu Fishery Ltd.

The complainants said their employers underpaid them and made them work beyond normal hours without pay. They also complained of poor accommodations, inadequate food and water, and lack of safety equipment and first aid supplies.

Return to PH

They left their employers and went back to the Philippines in June 2012.

"[In the] crewing prima facie evidence of a case for violation of the pertinent provisions of POEA rules and regulations governing the recruitment and employment of seafarers and their cause a reasonable ground to believe that the continued deployment of the respondent agency of workers in the respondent employer will lead to further violations of the rules and regulations of the job-seeking public," Cacdac said.

Nepalese nabbed at Naia with suspected shabu

By Tina G. Santos

A 45-YEAR-OLD Nepalese man was arrested after customs officials found in his possession of about five kilos of suspected methamphetamine hydrochloride, locally known as shabu, upon his arrival at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Phase 1 (NAIA).

Customs collector for passenger services Thess Roque identified the man as Sen Bahadur Tamang, who arrived at 6:40 p.m. on board Philippine Airlines flight PR 731 from Bangkok.

Seized from him were 5.8 kilos of shabu, which has an estimated street value of P14.5 million.

Roque said customs examiner Marina Landicho suspected that Tamang was carrying an illegal substance when he smelled naphthalene or mothballs in his luggage, prompting a thorough inspection of his bag.

Hidden compartment

Tamang's luggage contained personal items on top, but further search revealed the bag had a false bottom, Roque said.

Found were plastic bags containing the suspected banned substances.

Investigation records showed that Tamang had also visited the country last July 12.

During initial interrogation, Tamang said he thought he was carrying "tea."

He reportedly refused to answer when asked if he also received drugs during his previous visit to the Philippines.

Tamang, who faces charges of violation of Republic Act No. 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, and the suspected drugs have been turned over to the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

The Bureau of Customs (BOC), PDEA and airport police now have formed a team to find out if Tamang had contacts at the airport or if a syndicate was involved in the drug smuggling.

Drug mules

In the past few months, Naia authorities have apprehended several foreign nationals, including suspected members of African drug syndicates, who were found carrying illegal drugs.

Another female Nepalese, Ghale Sita Maya, was apprehended at about two weeks ago after the BOC apprehended a Singaporean drug courier at Naia Terminal 3.

Maya allegedly received the drugs from the arrested Singaporean courier, authorities said.

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Prelate prays another Filipino will make it to Vatican conclave

By Kristine L. Alave

A SENIOR Catholic prelate is hoping the Vatican will promote a Filipino archbishop to the cardinalate because the Philippines is now without representative in the Catholic conclave for the first time since the 1960s.

Former Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, the country's only representative to the conclave, had to retire when he turned 80 years old last week.

Archbishop Jaguposa Archbishop Oscar Cruz said he expected Pope Benedict XVI to consider two Filipino bishops for the cardinalate. The last consistory was held in November 2012.

Cruz said Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle and Cebu Archbishop Jose Palma, who succeeded Rosales and former Cardinal Ricardo Vidal, respectively, could be headed for the cardinalate next year. Palma is currently the president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).

Ineligible candidates

"At least for the moment we can expect two cardinals in the meeting, the Cardinal Archbishop of Cebu and the Cardinal Archbishop of Manila," Cruz said. "In principle, the successor's ordained to an archdiocese also becomes a cardinal in due time," he added.

At present, Rosales and Vidal are the only two living Filipino cardinals.

However, they are now ineligible to join the conclave, which elects a new Pope in case of a vacancy, due to rule made by Pope Paul VI in 1970 which stats the participation of cardinals once they reach the age of 80.

Rosales turned 80 on Aug. 10. Vidal is 81. Another Filipino cardinal, Jose Cardinal Sanchez, died last March. Sanchez had served as prefect emeritus of the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy.

With Rosales leaving, 80 last week, the Philippines, the largest Catholic country in Asia, lost its representation in the College of Cardinals, which advises the Pope and chooses a new Pope. It may then be a vacancy.

Catholicism is the dominant religion in the Philippines, with an estimated 80 million followers. The country has produced six cardinals. The first 19 Ignino cardinal was Archbishop Rufino Cardinal Santos of the Archdiocese of Manila. He was made cardinal in 1960. He died in 1973.

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Ma. Josefa E. Diez; 69

MA. JOSEFA Estibeiros Diez, a former high school music teacher at University of Santo Tomas, died of cancer on Aug. 9 in Quezon City. She was 69.

She is survived by her children Hazel, Frederick, Reinaldo and John Paul, her grandchildren, siblings and in-laws.

Her body lies at Loyola Memorial Chapels and Crematorium, Commonwealth Avenue corner Damayan Street, Old Balara, Quezon City, where a Mass will be offered on Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.

On Aug. 14, her remains will be flown to her hometown of San Joaquin, Iloilo, where a wake will be held until Aug. 16 to be followed by the funeral at the San Joaquin Cemetery at 2 p.m.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday - August 12, 2012
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: 1 Kg 19:4-8

Elijah disappeared into the desert going a day's journey. Then he sat down under a broom tree and prayed to die. "That is enough, Yahweh, take away my life for I am dying." He lay down and went to sleep under the broom tree. Then an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." Elijah looked and saw, at his head, a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and went back to sleep. The angel of Yahweh came a second time to him, saying, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too long for you." He got up, ate and drank, and on the strength of that food, he traveled for forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

2nd Reading: Eph 4:30-5:2

Do not sadden the Holy Spirit of God which you were marked with. It will be your destructive mark on the day of salvation. Do away with all quarrelsome, rage, anger, insults and every kind of malice. Be good and understanding, reconcile forgiving one another as God forgave you in Christ.

As most beloved children of God, strive to imitate him. Follow the way of love, the example of Christ who loved you, He gave Himself up for us and became the offering and sacrificial victim whose fragrance rises to God.

Gospel: Jn 6:41-51

The Jews murmured because Jesus had said, "I am the bread which comes from heaven," and they said, "This man is the son of Joseph, isn't he? We know his father and mother. How can he say that he has come from heaven?" Jesus answered them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up on the last day. It has been written in the Prophets: They shall all be taught by God. So whoever listens and learns from the Father comes to me. Not as one has seen the Father except the One who comes from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Though your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, they died. But here you have the bread which comes from heaven so that you may eat of it and not die. "I am the living bread which has come from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever. The bread I shall give is my flesh and I will give it for the life of the world."

Reflection:

Read:

+ John 6:41-51 in his teachings Jesus gives guidance for ordinary life. He follows the Jewish tradition from the Wisdom books of the Old Testament, many are beyond the rabbinical traditions. He has Magi will give life.

Reflect:

+ Yet what Readers think immediately of the Eucharist when Reading this section of the gospel. Think rather of the teachings of Jesus that give eternal life when people respond in faith. Christianity is a good way to live, for it offers help in daily life.

Pray:

+ As your prayer, ask the Lord to give you guidance for daily living. Pray to the morning for help in living your faith during that portion of the day.

Act:

+ Let the New Testament be a guide to you. Find one of the gospels each week and from start to end. See what the words of God is saying to you.

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You'll have enough cooking gas, public assured

By Amy R. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT of Energy (DOE) has assured the public of an adequate supply of cooking gas, even if storms Maring and nearby provinces, which were devastated by the massive flooding spawned by the recent monsoon rains.

In a statement, the DOE said that the copies of players had advised it that they had enough supplies, but some of their outlets may encounter delivery problems because of the floods.

That concerns have been advised to outlets through their "lineup names."

The major players include Petron Corp., Total Philippines, Liquigaz and Isla Gas, which earlier acquired the liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) business of Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp.

Some independent refillers and small retailers, meanwhile, are still waiting for their supplies from importers/vendors that had been unable to dock and discharge their deliveries of LPG due to the rough sea and high waves at the Batangas port.

If the flooding subsides and the good weather continues, the supply of independent refillers is expected to normalize early next week, the DOE said.

Overpriced LPG

"In light of this condition, we want retailers not to take advantage of the situation and ensure that based on our monitoring after the August price increase, the retail price for an 11-kilogram LPG tank should be around P580," the DOE said.

"We appeal to consumers to report to DOE retailers who are selling overpriced products by calling (02) 8840184. Overpricing of cylinders will result in LPG re-packaging with an administrative fine of at least P50,000 and an appropriate criminal offense," it said.

LPG players raised the prices of cooking gas by P7 per kilogram this month, or P77 per 11-kg tank, due to the P16.65/kg per metric ton increase in the International contract price of LPG to $775 per MT from $658.35/per MT the previous month.

Last month, small independent players led by LPG Marketers Association party-list Rep. Arnel Ty aimed an issue over what was deemed to be an artificial shortage.

Ty allegedly feared the shortage is the move of some suppliers to hold/store their inventories until a price increase had been announced for August.

Smart sets up free call centers in disaster areas

MORE than 30 Libreng Tawag Centers have been set up since Tuesday in the cities of Quezon, Marikina, Navotas, Caloocan, Manila and Muntinlupa and the provinces of Pampanga, Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan, Tarlac, Bataan and Davao-gao by Smart Communications Inc.

The latest calling centers were opened at Flemming Elementary sa Sitad, Bonifacio Malinta, Bukidnon Gate, Malanday Marikina; Hagonoy Municipal Hall, Malolos; Sto. Rosario Elementary School, Malolos, Sulucan; Cupang Elementary School, Balanga, Bataan; Mabuhay Barangay Tuazon, Pampanga; Bataan; Camachile, Subic, Zambales; San Juan, Castillejos, Zambales; Lingga, Calamba, Laguna; and Central Elementary School, Dolores, San Pedro, Laguna.

Smart is also offering free cell phone charging to areas once they have no electricity. Talk 'N Text and Sun Cellular are also providing free calling services in key areas.

In Pampanga, the National Telecommunications Commission tapped Smart to run Mobile Libreng Tawag around the towns of San Fernando and San Simon. Mobile phone units were brought to residents in evacuation centers.

"Our experience in natural calamities has shown again and again how crucial communication is to survival," said Meo Liberis, head of Smart's Public Affairs. "We are here to provide services that the public can rely on, especially in critical circumstances."

Smart is also working with 911 Disaster Assistance, TNT and local governments to bring aid to families in evacuation centers. It is continuing with other companies under the PLDT and Metro Pacific Group, with their Manuel V. Pangilinan leading coordination meetings.

Smart distributed blankets and hygiene kits in coordination with Kanlungan Kids Limited in Valenzuela City and led students at Concepcion Integrated School as well as in Malanday in Marikina, and San Mateo, Rizal, to partnership with the Ten Outfit Leadership Academy in Barangay Apolonio Samson, Quezon City. Smart and PLT donated 1,000 family relief packs.

Donations of food, hygiene kits, towels and blankets may be sent to TNT's Abigang Kapatid Foundation at 750 Quirino Highway, San Bartolome, Novaliches, Quezon City, or other drop-off points.

Mobile subscribers may send donations to the Philippine Red Cross via SMS by texting PED <amount> to 45 433. Amounts may be in denominations of P30, P25, P50, P200, P500, P500 and P1,000. Cash donations may also be deposited to PRC Savings Account No. 0053-1040-56 or Bank of the Philippine Islands Savings Account No. 3443-0020-2 under the account name Abigang Kapatid Foundation Inc.

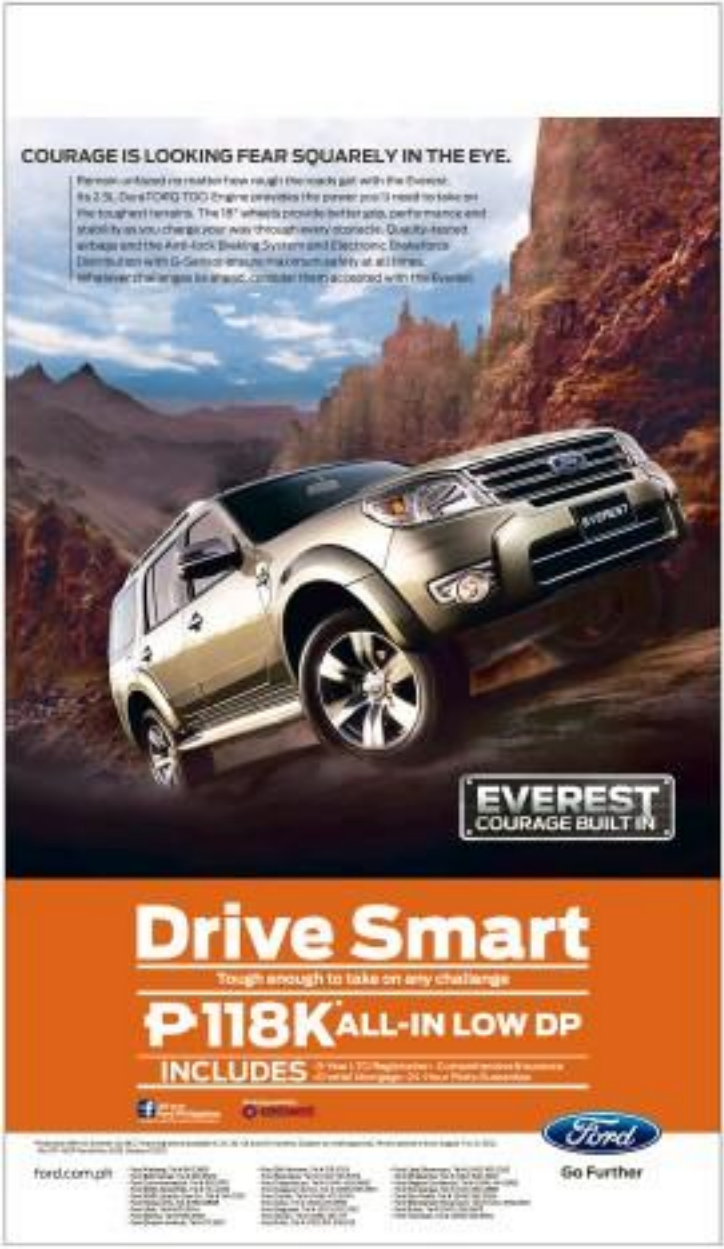
Learn to make soap, perfume at seminar

THE GOLDEN Treasure Skills and Development Program is conducting a seminar on soap and perfume making on Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the College of Social Work and Community Development, University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City.

Participants will learn how to make liquid dish detergent, hand soap, all-purpose soap, bar detergent, powder soap, dish washing paste, bottled soap, glycerin, liquid bleach and fabric softener. Making perfume and cologne sprays will also be taught.

Participants will also be taught how to make household products such as tile and bowl cleaner, glass cleaner, carpet shampoo, air freshener, car shampoo and tire black, and body products like body scrub, foot spa soap, foot spray, foot powder, hair shampoo, body lotion and hand sanitizer.

Participants will receive a certificate of training. For inquiries, call 4211177, 9336811 or 4867810, or log on to www.goldenTreasureSkills.com.



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Cordillera couples stay away from contraception

BAGUIO CITY—Sexually active couples in the Cordillera have not been using contraception as often as they should, discouraged by the extra expense, the desire to have multiple children, and their religious affiliations, health officials said here this week.

Citing state-led family development services data from January to the first week of August this year, the Commission on Population (Popcom) said many couples also failed to observe interest in the controversial reproductive health bill.

"Maybe they thought that RH bill has no connection to their lives. So what we do is conduct separate forums on the RH bill," said Mary Cortez, Popcom planning officer in the Cordillera, during a news conference here.

Cortez said 5,000 couples who attended the family development sessions indicated they favor practicing the rhythm method and other traditional birth control methods rather than engage in intercourse, believing that buying contraceptives would be an unnecessary burden on the family budget.

These sessions were held in 340 barangays of 16 Cordillera towns.

Cortez said government's task is to encourage couples to assimilate modern birth control methods which have been validated scientifically.

The social lifestyle has changed and birth control methods must catch up with the times, she said.

She also said single parenting has become a trend in the upland region, where one in every four pregnant teenagers become single mothers.

From the sessions, it was learned that on occasion, it is the male partner who refuses contraception or condoms. Some couples also fear the medical side effects of using contraceptives, based on a survey released this month by the Cordillera office of the National Statistics Office.

These sessions may be as young as 13 and as old as 49. Most of them want to attend to delay pregnancy but have not accessed government's family planning services and reproductive health programs.

Edith Mendoza, Popcom-Cordillera project education officer, said the survey also confirmed data showing that the Cordillera has insufficient and ineffective protocol and health care programs for pregnant women. The survey also validated a shortage of health clinics and hospitals in the region. —Rodrigo Cabuso, Inquirer Northern Luzon

PRESIDENT Aquino, with local officials and evacuees around him, tries to ease the suffering of flood victims in Tarlac by giving them messages of hope. TOMA'S VINCENT GONZALES/MALACAÑANG PHOTO BUREAU

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DPWH to give priority to Pampanga dike repair

'Funds are no problem to us. We just need the proper time to do it ...'

MEXICO, Pampanga—The Department of Public Works and Highways will rush repairs on two breached sections of the San Fernando-Sto. Tomas-Magalang dike as soon as weather conditions allow the agency to move equipment and workers to the site, Public Works Secretary Rogelio Singson said here on Friday.

"Funds are no problem to us, but just need the proper time to do it," Singson told Cabinet reporters.

Two portions of the 9.6-km dike—70 meters in Barangay San Pedro Cutud in San Fernando City and 30 meters in Barangay San Vicente in Sto. Tomas town—crumbled at the height of monsoon rains on Aug. 7, according to Antonio Molano Jr., DPWH director in Central Luzon.

The breaching drew wan the first to arrive in 15 years since the mid-1980s was built below the PNR Hospital. It caused floodwaters to rise by 7-10 feet in southwestern San Fernando and Sto. Tomas and by 4-6 feet in Dinalupihan town.

San Fernando Mayor Oscar Rodriguez wanted that the three areas are located to relieve the town of flooding when the waters flowing from the Gapa River incited labor to the tail dike.

Further flooding toward San Jose threatens the North Luzon Expressway, he said.

Plugging the leaking dike would cost P25 million while the reclamation of the Gapa River would cost Lubao, Sto. Tomas and Magalang towns would amount to P200 million, Molano said.

The DPWH also plans to strengthen April, west 1 and 2 banks the transverse dike inside the PNR Hospital be and build a diversion channel toward the Pasig-Potrero River.

All projects would come around all PHP2 million. Asked if the DPWH has the funds, Singson said: "We will have to program everything. It's all a matter of scheduling ... The priority for now is the repair of the rail dike."

Floods bring blessings, too. On Saturday, a delegation of Aliaga finished only P5,000 to finish-make and five P50 a piece. Most of it had a thursday fishing on top of dikes or bridges.

During his inspection of the flooded areas on Friday, Mr. Aquino said he has appointed Singson as water czar to coordinate the projects of numerous water regulatory agencies like the Manila Metropolitan Water Sewerage System and the Local Water Utilities Administration.

"There are so many water regulatory agencies and they all address water issues at the same time without talking. We want someone to coordinate these actions so we can all work in one direction," the President said.

Mr. Aquino also said that the P1.7 billion Angat Dam rehabilitation and remediation project is already approved. "The plans are complete. We can start work there," he said.

Water levels at the Angat Dam continued to rise, from 213 meters above sea level on Friday morning to 214 meters as of 11 a.m. Saturday. The dam's spilling level is 210 meters but its reservoir capacity can hold as much as 217 meters of water in the meantime, according to the provincial disaster risk reduction and management council.

Flooding has subsided in most parts of Bulacan, except for five villages in Malolos City, San Miguel, Hagonoy and Ghanda towns due to river discharges from Pampanga and Nueva Ecija.

The bodies of two boys, both drowning victims, were recovered in San Jose del Monte City on Saturday, Fredelito Ongpin and Carmela Reyes-Bautista, Inquirer Central Luzon

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Trial of sports club execs for shares' sale to proceed

THERE is now no legal impediment for the criminal prosecution of eight foreigners who were sued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on the basis of a complaint initiated by a Cebu-based businessman who accused the foreigners of selling membership shares of the Manuel Sports Club (MSC) amounting to about P180 million.

This was ruled after the Department of Justice (DOJ) denied for lack of merit the motion for reconsideration filed by foreign members of MSC—one of the country's oldest sports clubs...who were earlier recommended for indictment at the Muntinlupa City Regional Trial Court for engaging in unlawful trading in securities.

Charged were British and Australian nationals Jonathan Thorp, Thomas Whitwell, Adriana Cravens, Matthew Fermoyle, Andrew Yates, Ian Stenlake, Keith Warne and Jamal Osmyan-Khan, all officers of MSC.

They were charged with violating the Securities Regulation Code.

They have been charged at the Muntinlupa RTC for illegal selling of membership shares of MSC, an exclusive sports club in Merville Park, Parañaque City.

In a three-page resolution, the DOJ's investigating prosecutors junked the appeal of the MSC officials and ruled that their arguments in the motion for reconsideration were "rehash."

"No new matter was presented that would warrant or justify the reconsideration or reversal of the subject resolution," said Assistant State Prosecutor Christine T. Perdino in the resolution approved by Senior Deputy State Prosecutor Pedrito L. Ranoco, chair of the Task Force on Business Taxes, and Prosecutor Leonard Chris A. Apellanes.

With the denial of their appeal, the Muntinlupa City RTC can now proceed with trial proceedings against the indicted MSC officials.

SEC, through enforcement and prosecution department officers in charge Leda T. Lazarus-Agustin and secretary counsel Jonathan Bacrasion D. Sigmaypen, earlier said the appeal of the MSC officials should be denied "for utter lack of merit."

MSC, whose membership consists mostly of foreigners, was first put up in the 1930s as a successor to another all-expatriate organization known as the Manila Club based in Malate City in the 1920s. The club's present site is a venue for international amateur and professional soccer and rugby events.

SEC lawyers strongly urged the DOJ to proceed with the criminal cases against the club officers because the DOJ's earlier resolution "finding probable cause to hold all of the respondents for the offense of violation of the Securities Regulation Code duly conforms with evidence submitted, applicable laws and jurisprudence."

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RELIEF SORTIES IN CENTRAL LUZON

P-Noy missed tons of evacuees' tales

By Carmela Reyes Barroga
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF MALOLOS—President Aquino's inspection of the flood-plains of Central Luzon on Friday brought a ray of hope into the bleak lives of victims of the weeklong monsoon rains and floods who took refuge in evacuation centers in Tarlac, Pampanga and Bulacan provinces.

But the President missed the flood victims' concerns and anecdotes that he could have heard had he not flown here to fast.

Carlos Hamadeng, 58, of Barangay Sumapang Matanda here, said his family and other evacuees were suddenly transported by military trucks from the provincial gymnasium to the Malolos sports complex in Barangay Sto. Rosario-Kanluran before floods struck their Bulacan towns.

Provincial officials were concerned when told about the move, but had not offered any official statement.

In many evacuees at the sports complex, the Hamadeng had been disappointing because the President did not even reach out to them.

THE GOODS President Aquino visited evacuees in four provinces in Central Luzon most affected by the relentless monsoon rains.

Make room for wedding

The reason: The hotel-gymnasium was used a bundle to accommodate guests exclusively for a wedding reception.

Marveling said his family was ushered into a room with wet bedding, owing to leaks from the roof.

Joan Crisobal, caretaker of 23 families who were also displaced, said they were told that the wedding was booked even before floods struck their Bulacan towns.

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A child is born

Mrs. Aquino removed to the city proper, instead of the sports complex in the village as scheduled, because bad weather prevented a fleet of helicopters from flying her to several flood-hit areas on Friday.

The President and Cabinet officials managed to visit Malolos Central School, where 400 families took refuge.

Marivel Amarbe, 26, said she would have told the President that she had given birth at the height of the flood. The baby, a daughter, Ivy Rambeld, Joel, 27, activist midwife who's the godfather, is there with the child.

Floods left them isolated from neighbors and the nearest hospital and no medical team would reach them, Rebecka said.

There were also some good news in the aftermath of the calamity.

Minor rescued

In Bulacan on Friday, witnesses finally rescued Felipe Pilapil, 34, a pedicab minor from La Union, a week after he was trapped in an eroding federal construction bog.

Pilapil was delivered his birthday on Aug. 7 inside the shaft, parts of which collapsed due to strong rains. Rescuers miners worked to dig him out, said Lemuel Ramirez, president of Bulacan small-scale mining federation.

"We were never informed about this tunnel, which must be old because it is deep. The disaster separating the rescuers and Pilapil was only 2 meters but the tunnel walls were fragile and crumbled every time the rescuers removed pebbles to make the hole," Ramirez said.

Pilapil was fed an and food through a pipe that was inserted into the tunnel. As soon as he emerged, Pilapil was given oxygen and another. Widower-part 8 year Blessed Ledesma, Inquirer Northern Luzon

So what's in a name? 'Habagat' or 'Hagibis'?

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structure in the capital and parts of central and southern Luzon.

Palatucio, Malacañan explaining government priorities involving the thousands of families now huddled in evacuation centers with a value-for-value, but stopped midway during the interview, at a time over how to call the cause of last Tuesday's deluge.

"It's very difficult when we don't have a name for it. We've started calling it 'habagat 2012' in Filipino again..." she said over Batya ng Bayan, training ch "Habagat will be. I find it difficult to elaborate when there's no name."

Malaya is the local term for the southwest monsoon that spawned many rains over parts of Luzon, including the metropolis, for close to two weeks, coming to a head last Tuesday.

It has left at least 77 people dead and P1 billion in damages to agriculture in one region alone, officials said.

Valte said the government would focus on providing relief to those whose lives were displaced in public schools or gyms in the capital and parts of central and southern Luzon before planning their resettlement.

"After the relief, evacuation and resettlement phase, we can consider what is needed to adopt medium- or long-term solutions," she said, when asked what instructions President Aquino has given Vice President Jejomar Binay.

Besides, she said, the President has earlier ordered the release of P10 billion for the relocation of informal settlers from "danger-risk areas" to safer housing communities.

Potholes first

And before undertaking the ambitious relocation-resettlement, to address flooding in the devastated areas, the government should fix the potholes first, and the public could contribute to this.

"Now that the floods are subsiding, the public is complaining about the potholes. So we're asking the help of concerned citizens that if you spot potholes, take pictures and send them to us via Twitter," Valte said.

The Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO) teamed up with the Department of Public Works and Highways to receive complaints about potholes on national roads, and dispatch personnel to fix them.

Twitter users can log PCDSPO's official Twitter account, @PCDSPO and use the hashtag #UlatSaDaan.

Valte also warned the public against hoarding and against businessmen unduly raising prices of commodities. She said among officials has given assurance that there was a sufficient supply of the cooking gas imported petroleum gas (LPG).

"If you go to the supermarkets and mom vendors, others will think there's a shortage and they'll scramble to buy these products. We don't have a supply shortage of the basic commodities," she said.

Singapore Red Cross donates food, toiletries

THE SINGAPORE Red Cross (SRC) will contribute S$ 50,000 worth of relief supplies to survivors of the floods in Manila. The supplies consisting of canned and fresh foods, kitchen utensils and toiletries will be distributed by SRC volunteers on Monday to those in evacuation centers.

"We have been in close contact with our sister national society the Philippine Red Cross (PRC), since the onset of the crisis," said Benjamin William, SRC secretary general, noting that more than 200,000 people in three Manila and suburbs of Luzon have been evacuated by the PRC.

"The emergency relief supplies, from funds raised by the people of Singapore, will directly benefit these communities. The Singapore Red Cross is committed to help the Philippine Red Cross in the immediate relief operation," William said.

"The SRC will continue to monitor the situation. At this stage, the SRC is not launching a public appeal but will continue to accept cash donations for the ongoing relief efforts by its sister national society," he added.

Cheek donations can be sent to the SRC at 15 Penang Lane, Singapore 238486. Please include your name, contact details and "Manila Floods 2012" at the back of the check. For more information please contact SRC corporate communications Eileen Chin, tel. 66048516, e-mail eileen.chin@redcross.org.sg; Dominic Leong, tel. 66048550, e-mail dominic.leong@redcross.org.sg.

Senate sets public hearing on flooding problem

By Norman Bordadora

THE SENATE committee on climate change has scheduled a public hearing this week to find out how the government has been implementing environmental laws after the massive flooding in Metro Manila and outlying provinces from the unprecedented amount of rain brought on by southwest monsoon enhanced by storm Gener.

Officials from the public works and highways, science and technology, environment and natural resources, and social welfare and development departments, and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority will be invited, said Sen. Loren Legarda, who chairs the committee.

"This is not to blame anybody but to find out solutions [and] how the laws are being implemented," Legarda said.

"This is not an attack on [President Aquino]. I know he's doing his best," she added.

Large volume of plastic

But she said there was a need for a stricter implementation of laws like the Solid Waste Management Act based on the real experience last week of torrential rain because the construction of the waterways and drainages suffered a major setback.

"Random dow nstream cannot solve just because those upstream do not segregate their trash," Legarda said, citing the huge volume of plastic and other nonbiodegradable found in the waterways.

Legarda also cited the failure of government agencies to relocate evacuees or permanently relocate residents in perilous areas when there are housing and urban development, and national disaster risk reduction and management have already addressed the issue.

"I cannot accept that the poor would be blamed for being a victim. The message should be communication all simply and clearly. You'll die in that place if you stay there," she said.

Legarda called for preparedness beyond having relief goods ready when disaster strikes.

No to culture of response

"It can't be a culture of response," as such a system is "costly and cruel," she said.

"It is imperative for the government to embark on the discipline of climate and climate risk-sensitive development planning," she said.

Legarda on Friday called for the budget for flood control infrastructure and water resources management to be increased.

She said the national government budget for 2013 must anticipate and should address the effects of climate change brought about by stronger typhoons, heavier rains, prolonged droughts and other extreme weather events.

In the midst of last week's calamity, there is a need to be an effective and realtime solution to the flood problem, Legarda said.

Importance of waste segregation

"We have to always ensure that our esteros, waterways and drainages are not clogged with waste materials," she said.

"Moreover, we cannot exhaust the [g]ains on the importance of waste segregation and provide effective waste disposal methods because government agencies won't be able to shoulder all the responsibility," she added.

Mother of 6 gives CCT a bright, lively human face

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reading school regularly.

Pamarilla, a second-class community and the 12th poorest municipality in the region, has a poverty incidence of 58.61 percent. Bacoy's family is in that bracket.

As a poverty alleviation tool, the 4Ps, which is being administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), has improved the health and well-being of children, Bacoy said, a claim corroborated through the cash it marks.

Not all about money

But 4Ps is not all about money.

Two years into the program, Bacoy has also become a beneficiary of the DSWD's sustainable livelihood program where she was taught how to become a sinamay weaver.

"Compared with buy-and-sell where it's by no means sure that anyone would want to buy the sinamay boats I'm selling, with manage therapy at least I can count on earning at least P200 a day," she said.

Bacoy is also enrolled in a monthly family development session, where parents exchange views about family issues and management. She now does the rounds of the community encouraging neighbors to quit gambling and start activities related to sustenance as well as clean and green projects.

"I've learned a lot with the Pantawid Pamilya sa Likabuhayan (formerly SEA-K) program. I have not people that I never thought I would ever get to talk to. I learned to be a responsible person, to become a leader in my community," Bacoy said.

CCT nothing new

The CCT is not an entirely new thing. It evolved from the widespread failure of unconditional welfare programs in the past World War II developed countries. It is based on the notion that you can reduce poverty by giving money to poor people, no strings attached.

Globally there have been CCTs since the late 1990s. But while the CCT failed in developed countries, it seems to report good results in Third World countries like Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Bangladesh, Jamaica, Honduras, Turkey and the Philippines, with or without conditions attached.

DSWD doesn't hold money

According to Isidro Pedilan Jr., deputy Unity Bulletin, contrary to the public perception, the DSWD does not hold the money for CCT. The money is deposited with the Land Bank of the Philippines, with some help from the Student Associations of the Philippines, and can be withdrawn by the beneficiaries via ATM or over the counter with set transactions fees.

Soliman explained that each household can get P500 for health and P300 conditional assistance for up to three children below 14 years old, or a maximum of P1,400.

"What we need is to improve our capacity at our local and at the level of the disbursing institution to do the reconciliation. It's a better system because Landbank will not disburse the money if [we] not reconciled," Soliman said in an interview.

'Beneficiaries not lazy'

She lashed out at skeptics who say that the program is making the beneficiaries lazy and dependent on dole.

She stressed that the beneficiaries have not stopped working and that the cash transfer is just meant to augment their income.

"Thinking it makes people lazy is a misapprehension of what the 4Ps/HH says do. They don't stop working. This is just to augment whatever money they have," Soliman told the Inquirer.

From the P21 billion CCT budget in 2011 to P39 billion in 2012, the DSWD is proposing to further increase the budget allocation to P46 billion in 2013, to increase the number of beneficiaries to 3 million.

Asked about the tendency of some beneficiaries to borrow against their benefits, Soliman said this has to be looked at from a different perspective.

"One way of looking at it is it's wrong because that means they're already compromising the amount that's supposed to get," she said.

"But another way of looking at it is that is it an investment country to negotiate from someone who has had no negotiating power to get a resource that they need at that time," Soliman said.

Very strong monitoring

Soliman said the DSWD modalities very strong third-party monitoring of the program's implementation through the 320 civil society nongovernmental organizations and faith-based groups.

A total of 59 percent of the 1,100 complaints filed against certain disqualified families on Feb. 25 this year have been acted on as of June, she claimed. The bulk of the complaints came from the National Capital Region and some parts of Mindanao.

Data-driven

Soliman said the DSWD has delisted 20,946 households for beneficiaries by not being truthful about their children having stopped going to school, or not being a 4Ps beneficiaries do not fall within the age bracket required of the program, or there whose age were above 14.

A family whose child fails to meet the required 85 percent attendance rate each month loses the P500 cash assistance.

"So everything is data-driven. We're now focusing on the impact of the program on these people and we're working with the Departments of Education and Health in watching our data together," she said.

₱100-million insurance for ruined crops

By DJ Yap

NEARLY 8,000 farmers whose crops were destroyed by last week's torrential monsoon rains stand to get P100 million in insurance payments from the Department of Agriculture through the Philippine Crop Insurance Corp. (PCIC).

In a statement, Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala said the PCIC will put on fast track the processing and payment of crop insurance claims to stable farmers affected by Typhoon "Gener" and incessant southwest monsoon rains to plant again.

In a report to Alcala, PCIC president Joey Bernabe said that based on reports of the agency's regional field staff, initial crop insurance claims from only 29 towns, 8 hours amounted to P98.75 million.

The claims were filed by 8,611 farmers, 97 percent of whom planted rice, and the rest (295) corn.

The insured farmers planted a total area of 14,711 hectares (14,200 ha of rice and 511 ha of corn) that were inundated.

Bernabe said he instructed the PCIC central office and field staff to hasten the processing and payment of the claims within 20 days.

Globe Asiatique tries to talk unit buyers into suing Pag-Ibig

By Nancy C. Carvajal

LAWYERS of Globe Asiatique owner Delfin Lee urged complainants to turn the tables on the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF), or the Pag-Ibig Fund, by offering them a condominium unit in their condominium unit in GA Tower 2 in Edsa in Mandaluyong City, documents obtained by the Inquirer showed.

In a recent meeting between the complainants and Lee's lawyers led by Willie Rivera, which was attended by the Inquirer, a letter addressed to condominium unit buyers was distributed by the realty firm employees.

Wrongful advice

Attached to the letter was a proposed affidavit with the names of the complainants as it accusing Pag-Ibig of giving wrongful advice.

The letter stated that in exchange for the signed affidavits of the complainants against Pag-Ibig, the realty firm would desist from further action against them.

"Those sign the attached affidavit so that we can remove your name from the list of delinquent buyers who are due for ejectment and peaceably remain in possession of the unit that you are presently occupying until our issues with HDMF are cleared," the letter said.

The letter also advised unit buyers to coordinate with the security office in forward the petition against Pag-Ibig to the Housing Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB).

"We advise you further to coordinate with our office as soon as possible so that we can help you petition the HLURB for the reorganization of your monthly amortization which is rejected by HMDF to protect your interest over the condominium unit which you proposed to purchase from our company," the letter added.

During the meeting where the documents were handed out, Rivera also announced that those who would join the lawsuit against Pag-Ibig would receive free legal assistance from the realty firm.

However, he said, those who had hired their own lawyers, could still file a case against Pag-Ibig Fund and promised that GA would reimburse their legal expenses.

"Pag-Ibig is stupid to reject your payments to them and told you to stop paying to Globe Asiatique and you should file a case against them before the HLURB," Rivera said.

But according to the complainants who attended, the meeting did not provide them with any answers and left them even more confused.

"We attended the meeting hoping that we could be enlightened on the status of our investments, but the more we are now confused," a unit owner who asked not to be named for fear of further harassment from the realty company told the Inquirer.

Rivera said that GA was allowed by law to engage in the replacement buyer scheme which they applied to GA 2.

Double selling

GA 2 Tower unit owners in Mandaluyong City had complained of double selling by Lee and its realty company.

Lee, his son Jeremy, and other company officials have been charged with fraud and are the subjects of warrants of arrest.

The unit owners accused victims of anticollusion of their contracts and were being evicted after they stopped payment of their amortization when they found out from Pag-Ibig that their units were not in their names and had been sold twice.

Vice President Jejomar Binay, who also chairs the Pag-Ibig Board of Trustees, had earlier directed the HLURB to broaden the scope of its cease-and-desist order (CDO) slapped on the realty firm and directed Pag-Ibig to issue certificates to complainants that Pag-Ibig now had jurisdiction over the GA property.

Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

Across the NATION

Former disaster victims now heroes

By Jayvee T. Garcil

ONCE disaster victims, now they're disaster heroes.

A 53-person group from calamity-prone Albay province has arrived in Metro Manila, bringing with it pieces of equipment and experience culled from years of disaster response in the Bicol region.

"Team Albay," in the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has come to dish them, arrived on the scene on Wednesday afternoon, after traveling by land bearing two trucks, a fire truck, three rubber boats, water purifying equipment, utility vehicles and a battalion of experienced rescuers.

The team, deployed under the Bicol Office of the Civil Defense, was sponsored by Albay Gov. Joey Salceda, who has become a pioneer in climate change adaptation endeavors in the Philippines.

The team came in the midst of torrential rains and deep flooding in Metro Manila, brought by the southwestern monsoon.

Salceda spent a mighty part of his term, static from taking care of their local and lodging while they are deployed, the governor has also been updating his Facebook page with reports and photos of Team Albay's movements in the metropolis.

"The team has been previously deployed to Cagayan and typhoon-prone provinces in Bicol such as Masbate and Camarines.

"Region 5 is a disaster-prone area ... And most of the crisis are Bicolanos. I am impressed with them. I don't have any problems handling them because they're already good in (disaster response)," said team leader Reynel Jesse Uraing, also the deputy commander of the Naval Forces Southern Luzon.

With disaster response units in Metro Manila still swamped with calls for help, augmentation forces from the provinces come as a welcome aid. MMDA General Manager Cesario Jimenez said they were currently deploying rescue units to Quezon City, Marikina, Pasig, Malabon, Bicol and Tagaig.

Hours after they arrived, volunteering their services to MMDA and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, Team Albay was already deployed in the evening to rescue those stranded in flooded homes in Quezon City.

Other regions have also sent their own teams, but Uraing said with Team Albay, "we're not just for search and rescue."

"We are a mixed disaster group. We came here with our own equipment. We came here to help without agencies here in Metro Manila having to arrange things for us," he said.

The team is divided into three groups: one for search and rescue, another for water and sanitation, and a third forthcoming medical team. The team is a composite force with members coming from the Southern Luzon Naval Forces and the Army, Albay provincial government and even the regional office of Department of Health.

Uraing said Team Albay was Salceda's brainchild. "I think it's his way of thanking people for helping Albay back when it was ravaged by disaster. Now that they have the equipment and capacity, it's their turn to help," Uraing said.

The team is currently hoping to see more action. When Inquirer interviewed Uraing over the phone, his team had been on standby for two hours in Marikina. He also said the team's water purifier, which could render potable a fire truck full of water, has yet to be assigned to an evacuation center.

But Uraing's team also all praises for rescuers in the metropolis. "Wherever we went, someone was always ready to lend us. They are very structured," he said.

The MMDA noted that, aside from Albay, local governments outside Metro Manila had sent rescue teams like those from Cavite and other LGUs that were sent to LRDM Medical Center, Manila and Pasig, Marikina, Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Quezon City.

Team Albay, as of 2 p.m. on Thursday, had been deployed to 4 Metro Manila evacuation center, bringing its water filtration system with it.

The MMDA has also deployed rescue teams from the agency's own groups, as well as the national police, military, Red Cross, the public works and highways department, the fire department and volunteers.

They have, as of Thursday, rescued more than 10,000 residents in different parts of Metro Manila.

THE SOONER We return to normal, the better for victims of flooding in Metro Manila and its suburbs, like this man hanging clothes to dry in Rodriguez, Rizal. JAMES ALCONTIN

Climate change: East Visayas suffers from 35-degree Celsius days

By Joey Gabieza
Inquirer Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY—While Manila and other parts of Luzon have been experiencing rains, this city has to contend with "hot" weather, an unusual occurrence this time of the year.

"Under our normal weather pattern, we are supposed to experience some heavy rains as we are entering our rainy season. But since the start of this month, we have yet to experience some rains," said Anthony Sanchez, weather forecaster of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services (Pagasa) Tacloban station.

Sanchez said Tacloban experienced its hottest day last Wednesday this month with a temperature of 35.2 degree Celsius.

He attributed the unusual weather pattern to climate change.

Since the start of the month, temperatures in Tacloban ranged from 25.1 degree Celsius on Aug. 2 and 6 to 35.2 degree Celsius on Aug. 8.

Tacloban Health Officer James Opinion said the people should take precautions when going out.

"They should always use protective gear, like umbrella, whenever they go out to lessen exposure to heat and sunlight," Opinion said.

He warned that this kind of weather could result in exhaustion or heat stroke.

His office, however, has not yet received any report on cases of heat stroke, he said.

Opinion also advised the public to drink at least eight glasses of water daily and avoid wearing dark clothes.

Some local government units and the private sector in Biliran and Cebu cities have launched relief campaigns to help flood victims in Metro Manila and Luzon.

Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama said the city government would donate P3 million while the Bacolod City government plans to send P1 million.

The Regional Development Council in Central Visayas has created Task Force Yolanda for flood victims and called on Cebuanos to donate goods like sweets, blankets, canned goods, biscuits, chocolate bars, milk, bottled water, ready-to-eat food items and used clothing.

Donations can be brought to the Department of Social Welfare and Development office at corner MJ Cuenco and General Maxilom Avenues, the Cebu provincial capitol, all police stations in the region, the Talisay City hall, Lapu-Lapu City Hall and the Cebu Chamber Of Commerce and Industry office at the North Reclamation area in Cebu City.

Barrio City Vice Mayor Jude Thaddeus Sayson on Thursday said that aside from financial assistance, the city government would put up help desks at the lobby of the Pacencio City Government Center to accept donations.

Gov. Alfredo Marañon Jr. urged Negrenses to provide aid for flood victims. Marañon, however, said donations should be made through private institutions, not the provincial government.

The private sector is also doing its part to the relief campaign.

The Philippine Red Cross in Cebu City has started accepting donations at its office on Osmeña Boulevard in Cebu City, according to a Red Cross staffer, April Joy Ramos.

Two local stations of ABS-CBN and GMA 7 networks also held separate relief campaigns.

The GMA 7 Kapuso Foundation accepts donations at Plaza Sugbo in Cebu City Hall and in its office in Nivel Hills, said Cleric Villena of GMA 7 Cebu.

ABS-CBN Cebu only accepts donations at its office in Jagobiao, Mandaue City, said Joni Perez of dyAB, a local station of the network.

With reports from Carla Gomez and Florence Acquilan, Inquirer Visayas

A PORTION of the Balili property that was approved for purchase by Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia for P88.9 million but which turned out to be mostly under water. CDN

Cebu gov says she was kept in the dark on property deal

By Rube Vincent Mayol
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—I was kept in the dark.

This was the line of defense taken by Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia who had been charged with graft for her purchase by the provincial government of a parcel of land half of which was under water.

In a motion for reconsideration and investigation, Garcia said members of a committee of the provincial government knew that portion of the 24.7 hectare lot in Naga City, Cebu, that the provincial government bought for P88.9 million was under water but didn't tell her.

The land deal was consummated in 2006.

Garcia is seeking to reverse a decision by the Ombudsman in the Visayas to charge her at the antigraft court Sandiganbayan with graft for the land deal. Her suspension looms after she is arraigned.

The Ombudsman filed two counts of graft and one count of illegal use of public funds against Garcia at the Sandiganbayan for the purchase of the beachfront property in Naga City that turned out to be mostly under water.

Also charged with the same count of graft were then Provincial Board Member Juan Bolo; Anthony Suatengco, chair of the Cebu Provincial Appraisal Committee (CPAC) and provincial assessor at the time; CPAC member Provincial Treasurer Roy Sabalbe and Provincial Engineer Eulogio Wenceslao Pesayco and Budget Officer Emma Gaspeyon and land owners Aniceto and Nemesio Balili.

The respondents, who are out on bail, are scheduled to be arraigned this month at the Sandiganbayan.

Garcia asked the Ombudsman to reconsider its ruling and reinvestigate the case, saying she was unaware that a portion of the property was under water.

When she signed the memorandum of agreement for the purchase of the lot, Garcia said she merely relied on the report of the provincial government's appraisal committee that did not indicate that a portion of the property was submerged.

Garcia's lawyers said the committee failed to furnish a report of a technical working group (TWG) that showed portion of the property was submerged.

The TWG reported directly to the appraisal committee and not to Garcia, her lawyers said.

Garcia was not expected to personally examine every detail of the lot deal considering the amount of work she has to do as governor, said her lawyers.

"Governor Garcia certainly had the right to presume that the appraisal committee was in the regular performance of its duties when it produced the appraisal committee report, which, on its face, did not reveal that a portion of the Balili properties was submerged," the lawyers said.

"She (Garcia) could not be expected to examine in detail, much more to peruse, every single facet of each transaction entered into by the local government," they said.

Her lawyers also said the governor "validly" relied on the Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) that the Balili family gave her on the that a portion of the property was under water.

The lawyers said the 30 parcels of land that were part of the Balili properties were covered by valid land titles.

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Lucena fraternities join campaign to stop hazing

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LUCENA CITY—A civic group and civic fraternities based in this city have founded and initiated a campaign to stop the hazing practice in initiation rites.

"We call on other fraternities, sororities and other organizations not to stop hazing (rites)," lawyer Bonifilo Calayan told college students at a symposium on Republic Act No. 8049, the Anti-Hazing Law, held at the gymnasium of Calayan Educational Foundation Inc. (CEFI) on Friday.

Calayan, head of Rotary Club of Lucena South and a member of Tau Lucuma Phi (TLP), condemned participating in hazing rites during his college years.

His intervention of the guest and humiliation that a fraternity neophyte undergoes during hazing have terrified his listeners.

A student, who requested anonymity, told the Inquirer she witnessed Greek-lettered organizations and "does not know the stomach for the vulgarities associated with the initiation, much more senseless body pains."

Lawyer Rachel Calayan, dean of CEFI student affairs, cited statistics and "does not have words to describe" how hazing is a criminal activity.

Arnel Avila, head of Chi-UGE, an association of Alpha Phi Omega (APO) members in Quezon, admitted experiencing hazing in high school and college and declared that his fraternity has long abandoned the hazing practice.

"Our forms now is more on endurance and no longer on tolerance of physical abuse," Avila said his audience. He showed a small wooden paddle used for hazing which he said was a souvenir of his fraternity's dark past.

He said it was just a replica as the (true paddle is smaller and bigger and capable of inflicting severe) serious injuries.

Calayan said Rotary, TGU 8692, Iloin Ilegion and other fraternities would sponsor more forums in other campuses in the province to promote their advocacy against hazing.

Calayan and Avila admitted that their groups have a long history of hazing victims and fraternity rumbles that sometimes led to death.

"But that was long ago. We can now say a soldier by with other fraternities and sororities in the campaign to promote peace among our ranks," Avila said.

Hazing cases persist to this day despite passage by Congress in 1995 of RA 8049, which came earlier than death of Servino Jaw student Leroy Villa.

The Anti-Hazing Law prohibits physical violence during initiation rites of fraternities and similar organizations and penalizes with life imprisonment acts violence that results in death, rape, sodomy or mutilation.

Last week, a freshman law student at San Beda College, Marc Andre Marcos, 20, died from serious injuries a day after attending a fraternity initiation rite in Intramuros City in Greater Members of the Lex Leonum Fraternitas were reported to be behind his death.

Actor's bid to challenge CamSur clan backed

By Juan Escandor Jr.
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HUMLICH

NAGA CITY—Stop parents of actor Aga Muhlach branded as "harassers" for moves to block Muhlach's core registration in San Jose, Camarines Sur, even as they opposed opinions the Commission on Elections would rule in Muhlach's favor.

"The aid to deny his (Aga's) voter's application is purely harassment being perpetrated by those who are very much threatened by the challenge he is posing," said Gov. Luis Raymund "Lray" Villafuerte, who admitted he was the first to support Muhlach's decision to run for congressman in the Partido area—a fourth district of the province.

In August, Muhlach was sworn in as member of the Liberal Party during which he also announced his intention to run against Imperial Speaker Amaldo Fuentebella's son, Fritz Wilson or "Wenpy."

Lawyers for the actor who registered on March 19 in San Jose town, and Muhlach has been residing in a house he owned on Pinal Street in Barangay San Francisco August 2011.

Villafuerte said the protest of Aga's residency "is way beyond the six-month legal requirement for one to be qualified as a voter."

San Jose is one of 10 towns that comprise the fourth district. the others being Tinambac, Goa, Tigaon and Sagñay.

On April 30, a group of political allies of the Deputy Speaker led by former San Jose Mayor Gil Panotoman and 14 petitioners questioned the residency of the actor at the municipal election registration Board (EOR) saying Muhlach failed to meet the six-month residency requirement for registration as a voter.

Villafuerte urged the Comelec to finally approve a clear of the San Jose EOR as the proceedings on Muhlach's voter's application could move quickly.

Alexander Marquez, spokesperson of Comelec Commission Ben said that there have been newly appointed San Jose EOR chair Perfecto Linato and the board's members would take up the case of Muhlach, Linato's spokesperson said chair was awaited.

Marquez said they were waiting for the appointment of the EOR chair.

P-Noy pays respect to slain soldier

PIO DURAN, Albay—President Aquino on Friday visited the wake of 1Sc. Erwin Marinez, 24, an Army Scout Ranger who died in action in Pandan, in his residence in this coastal town in Albay.

The President gave P250,000 in financial assistance to Marinez's mother, Lorna Antolin, who has eight children aside from Erwin.

Mr. Aquino told three of the soldier's siblings would get full educational scholarships until college.

They are Dana, 14 a third year high school student; Amy, 13 and a Grade 5 pupil, and John Ray, 9 and a Grade 3 pupil.

Marinez was killed with six other Rangers on July 26 in a clash with Abu Sayaf bandits in Sulu.

Lorenzana said Aquino became the sole benefactor of the family after her husband, Willy was murdered in August 2010. Mar S. Arguelles, Inquirer Southern Luzon

Cops made to jump into fishpond sue their boss

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—A police officer in Iloilo province has filed a complaint against his boss after the latter ordered him and 10 other officers to jump into a fishpond as punishment for allegedly failing to report for duty on time.

Senior Supt. Gil Lubos, Iloilo police director, on Wednesday ordered Junior Supt. Yolando Lago, head of the Provincial Public Safety Company based in Tigbauan town, to suspend Lago for 15 days.

Lubos also ordered the 11 officers, all under Lago, to undergo a seminar on human rights.

The 11 officers, all under Lago, filed the complaint in the Tigbauan police station on Monday morning.

Lago ordered the officers to jump into a fishpond for nine hours as a disciplinary measure.

The officers who filed the complaint were PO1s Madelyn Villegas, Marlene de Guzman, Rosarian Sumiran, Janice Patricio, Ronald de Ramos and Jimar Salire. They have been in the police service for at least a year.

The officers said Lago summoned them past 7 a.m. on Monday and scolded them for leaving their posts without signing on an attendance logbook.

In the complaint, the officers alleged that Lago threw water on the face of Pfc Gemini and berated them in front of other officers.

Lago ordered the officers to jump into a fishpond beside the police camp and stay there for more than nine hours, the complaint said.

Lubos said he ordered Lago to submit a report on the incident and answer the complaint.

He said his initial investigation showed that Lago was angry because the policemen left their posts without properly turning over their duties to their relievers.

"Leaving one's post is a serious offense that could warrant dismissal from service," Lubos said.

But he said he would investigate the allegations of the six officers and determine if the disciplinary measures were excessive.

Lubos also ordered the six officers confined to their quarters pending the results of the investigation of Lago.

Lago could not be reached for comment on the complaint.

Laguna Lake fish growers see ₱200M in losses

By Marinar Cinco
Inquirer Southern Luzon

SAN PEDRO, Laguna—Operators of fish pens in Laguna Lake are bracing for bad news as a result of accelerated discharge of fish that they were keeping in the pens were lost when the lake level rose as the height of heavy rains early this week.

Claudio Tan, an operator of fish pens in Binangonan, Cardona and Pililla towns in Rizal province, said some fish pen owners had begun harvesting the fish in the past days but could recover only about 10 percent of their stock.

"I take pride in do-or-[illegible] but I'm afraid we have nothing left," he said.

A report from the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), which manned inspecting the lake on Friday, said at least 18 percent of the total fish stock was lost and at least 6 percent of the fish structures were damaged.

Tan estimated the amount of losses, including those of the other fish pen operators, to reach ₱200 million.

Bimbo Antonio, of the LLDA information office, said reports were being put together to determine the exact amount of the damage. As of Friday, the lake water level reached 12.62 meters above sea level.

In an earlier interview, engineer Emil Fernandez, LLDA hydrologist and enforcement director, said the lake's normal water level during the rainy season was 12.5 meters. At said it could take a month for the water level to return to normal.

In Laguna, officials said as of Friday, 12,500 families remained in 137 evacuation centers as three more centers were opened to accommodate residents fleeing from rising floodwaters.

The towns of Sta. Cruz, Victoria, Rizal, Pila, Pakil, Pagsanjan, Lumban, Los Baños, Calauan, Luisiana, Sta. Rosa and Cabuyao were still under water on Friday.

In the fishing town of Binangonan, Rizal, the military Binangonan Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas reported 1,949 families in 10 barangays as affected.

Tan said there could be a shortage of fish in the coming days as the supply of fish in Laguna Lake is also threatened by Lato fish, a predatory species which feeds on tilapia and other fish species.

The LLDA earlier this year confirmed the spread of the species in the lake.

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon) reported on Jan. 25 that in FY11 (or Jan. to June) the production of fish and seaweeds in the province of Laguna, Rizal and Cavite:

Guard who stole ₱2.8M from Pagcor surrenders

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Inquirer Visayas

BOHOL CITY—A member of the security staff of the state-owned gaming firm, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor), in Cebu surrendered to police on Thursday after stealing ₱2.8 million from a Pagcor casino in Mandaue City.

Pascual Urian, 29, surrendered to Bohol Capt. Gil Tuco's duty, according to SPO1 Ramonal Ortencio of the Panay town police station.

Urian turned over ₱1.4 million of the ₱2.8 million that he took from Casino Filipino in Mandaue, according to Ortencio.

Ortencio quoted Urian as saying he was prompted to surrender by his relatives. He brought his accompanied Urian to police.

Urian, according to Ortencio, admitted he stole the money on July 14 because he was deep in debt as a result of his vices, including gambling and drug use.

Senior Supt. Domingo Cabahit, Cagin police director, ordered Urian's transfer to the Cebu provincial police office in Bonno City.

Urian turned over to Cabahit the ₱1.4 million that he stole from the casino. Police and Pagcor representatives took custody of Urian and brought him to Mandaue City on Friday.

A female Pagcor guard on July 14 saw Urian, who has been working for Pagcor for four years, carrying a plastic bag believed to contain the money he stole as he left the casino building.

The employee reported Yadira Ingalipar, confronted Urian but he ran off at the height of heavy rains.

Ingalipar reported the case to a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team detachment near the Pagcor building in Cebu.

SWAT members gave chase but failed to catch Urian after he threw ₱900 and ₱1,000 bills that bystanders scrambled to pick up. Police recovered at least ₱900,000 from those who picked up the money.

Pagcor operates several casinos in Metro Manila and other areas as part of its revenue-generating task.

It has donated hundreds of millions of pesos to local governments in its various projects.

Considered to be the government's cash cow, Pagcor also contributes millions of pesos to funds for other projects that government cannot fund through its regular collection of taxes.

COWS line up on a dike road in the village of Bunsig in Lingayen, Pangasinan, after floodwaters submerged the village at the height of heavy rains on Aug. 10. MELZ LEONARDO/INQUIRER

2009 lessons helped Pangasinan deal with new floods

By Gideon Cardinoza
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Inquirer Northern Luzon

LINGAYEN CITY—Had it not been for the gradual release of water from San Roque Dam in San Manuel, Pangasinan, the province would have stood on the brink of another disaster similar to what it suffered during the massive flooding in 2009.

But it took the provincial government a lot of prodding before the National Power Corp. (Napocor) finally opened the dam's spillway gates on the night of Aug. 3, when the dam's water elevation was about 4 meters short of its spilling level of 280 meters above sea level (masl) amid continuous and heavy rains in northern Luzon.

The Napocor owns the dam, while Gov. Amado Espino Corp. maintains and operates it.

Frantic calls

"We called the dam operators[illegible] every day" said provincial administrator Rafael Baraan.

"As a result, despite the water dumped by the southwest monsoon in the province in the last two weeks, only a few villages in five Pangasinan towns and this city were flooded.

Baraan said if the dam did not release water early on, it would have reached its maximum elevation of 290 masl by now.

"And with the incoming rains, Napocor will have to open all its spillway gates again," Baraan says.

In 2009, the dam was blamed for flooding 36 towns and cities in the province that destroyed some P4 billion worth of crops, fish, roads, bridges and allowed over Baraan's dam operation, opened all of the dam's six spillway gates when it was about to reach its full capacity.

"We have learned our lesson, that's why we are monitoring the dam closely, just like what we have done last year," Baraan said.

Minimum impact

On Tuesday, the provincial disaster risk reduction and management council (PDRRMC) reported that only the towns of Dasol, Aguilar, Bugallon, Calasiao and Sta. Barbara, and Dagupan City experienced flooding because of storm surges and high tide.

With intense rain predicted to fall over Pangasinan on Wednesday, PDRRMC officials urged all residents in areas prone to flooding to be on alert and heed evacuation orders.

Mamerto Cayabyab, Napocor Binalonan area manager, said the dam's water level reached 282.18 masl at 6 p.m. on Aug. 9, but it went down to 281.61 masl, still 2.82 m above its spilling level.

But the provincial government was not impressed. Baraan

> "We have asked them to increase the amount of water they are releasing ... but they do not follow us"

said Napocor continued to defy the dam discharge protocol that was agreed on in 2009.

Protocol disowned

He said the protocol clearly stated that San Roque Dam should start spilling water at 280 masl.

"We have asked them to increase the amount of water they are releasing to provide space for the increased inflow to the dam in the coming days, but they do not follow us," said Baraan.

Rondo Mayor Ricardo Benito said residents in his town were alarmed after the provincial office announced that San Roque's engineers did not follow protocol on the release of excess water.

Benito said he received calls and text messages from residents asking if the town would again experience heavy floods. Benito was one of the worst hit towns in 2009 when San Roque Dam opened all its gates and released 1,500 cms of water that flooded Binalonan for several days.

During a PDRRMC meeting on Tuesday, officials expressed frustration when the dam operators did not open more spillway gates when the dam's water level reached almost 284 masl.

"Maybe the dam's operation did not follow protocol, but there is no cause for alarm yet. If there was a violation, provincial officials should just have called up San Roque Dam officials to avoid causing alarm among the people," Baraan said.

Napocor speaks

Virgilio Garcia, Napocor hydrologist, said dam operators were following the protocol in water releases.

He said that even before the water elevation reached 280 masl, Napocor had started to open the gates.

At 10 p.m. of Aug. 2, when water elevation reached 279.46 masl, the dam opened a gate by half a meter to release a total of 330 cms. At that time, water entering the dam reached 1,343 cms.

Two days later, the dam's water level reached 282.18 masl and the opening was increased by another half meter.

Garcia said the level between 280 and 290 masl was the "flood control" level of the dam. This 10-m elevation can contain 125 million cubic meters of water, he said.

"Napocor believes that we are not allowed to go higher than 280 masl," he said.

He said Napocor opened all of the dam's gates in 2009 when water elevation hit 286 masl due to heavy rains dumped by Typhoon "Pepeng."

Garcia said: "I may have a different decision if I were the hydrologist there. But whatever the decision, the result could still be massive flooding because of the unprecedented amount of water brought by Pepeng."

San Roque Dam, which is located downstream of the Agno River, catches water released from the Ambuklao Dam in Benguet and runoff water from the Cordillera and Caraballo mountains.

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Pangalay: Ancient dance heritage of Sulu

"LINGGIBAW" [bird dance]'s gestures and gestures as demonstrated by the ladies' Arnis and rigid columns are illustrations of the "pangalay."

By Lipaya Fernando-Amilbangsa
Contributor

MODERN-DAY Bongao, the capital of Tawi-Tawi province, has trappings of contemporary living: regular air transport, Internet access, cellular phones, television and various modes of sea and land transportation.

But some four decades ago when I arrived in the Sulu archipelago, Tawi-Tawi still had no electricity and commercial roads. That's why amid the flurry of modern living in Bongao at present, scenes from a bygone era haunt my memory: the call to prayer or *sinlumbi* from a distant mosque; the tantalizing cadence of "*kulintangan*" music that trailed unexpectedly anytime from somewhere; the engaging life of "*lelleng*" [metaphorical lullaby] sung passionately after midnight by a neighborhood boy with a captivating voice; the hypnotic sound of "*kapa*" [chant] earnestly intoned from afar; the lullaby humming of a solicitous mother to pacify a baby in a makeshift cradle or *duyan* hung in "*bale*."

These were when the geographically isolated inhabitants of Sulu and Tawi-Tawi satisfy the scenic need for a mode of dramatic expression and entertainment through dance. Dancing not only relieves them to release kept energy, but also weaves their creativity to a community of strongly held traditions and customs.

Intricate movements

The people in the Sulu Archipelago may have several names for the "pangalay" dance style which has a distinct movement vocabulary. The Badjaw use the generic term "*igal*" to name the dance which is "*pamalay*" among the Tausug of Basilan province.

The forms may look quite simple at first glance but upon closer scrutiny, its intricacy becomes obvious. Even more apparent is the flexibility of pangalay to other Southeast Asian modes of classical dancing, the Cambodian, Burmese, Thai, Javanese and Balinese. Secularity of the style language—if much of Sulu pangalay means "temple of dance" or "temple dancing."

Captivated by the beauty of the pangalay, I became passionate in recording and learning it from innumerable dancers in the Sulu Archipelago. In order to preserve the choice, I devised a practical way of remembering postures and gestures, aided by my own silhouette reflected on the wall by a lighted candle.

The habit irritated my husband because even my past bedtimes, I would sit dance and analyze my silhouettes on the wall and figure out if my shadow matched what was recorded in my mind. This became my routine every time I would see new postures and gestures from new dancers whom I danced upon in sociodaptive situations.

My shadow silhouettes became the most reliable learning guide since there was no electricity all over Tawi-Tawi province at the time. Electricity came only in the 1980s.

Instruction method

In the absence of any formal method of instruction, modifications and elaboration by younger pangalay performers are inevitable. Also, owing to the limitless possibilities of improvisation depending upon the performer's artistry and skill, it would be a mistake to regard a particular version of the pangalay as the correct or authentic form or style.

To preserve and conserve the abundant pangalay movement vocabulary, a method of instruction has been developed based on more than four decades of experience, study, observation and performance. This is the Amilbangsa Instruction Method (AIM), which gives equal emphasis on technique and creativity.

The method of instruction is the key to the preservation of intangible cultural heritage like the pangalay. Through the AIM, those who are already dancing the pangalay should be able to distinguish between the good and the bad manners of dancing (the pangalay), and to correct whatever may be aesthetically inferior. Flawed techniques that may even cause injury can be avoided, and the standard of pangalay training may be elevated.

Lastly, the AIM training program is designed for all ages, for amateurs, for dancers in other disciplines, for native pangalay dancers interested to learn effective rehearsal techniques, in order to enrich their vocabulary of traditional movements already half forgotten.

The story of how I instilled rare dances, the "linggiwai" and the "igal kabkab," demonstrates the painstaking process of preserving and conserving traditional dance.

Working on 'linggiwai'

To amplify hand movements, the use of "pangay" or metal claws is popular in the Sulu Archipelago. The pangay magnifies the delicate hand movements in linggiwai [bird dance].

My first glimpse of linggiwai was in Jolo, Sulu, in 1965. Gay dancers performed the "dalling-dalling" at Plaza Tulay on Sundays after vespers. The exotic song-dance has a serious purpose about a bird. This is the linggiwai.

I was impressed upon seeing the sophistication and richness of its gestures and gestures. When danced as a solo number, the Sinsul and Tausug used *kulintangan* accompaniments with a distinct melodic pattern. The most impressive rendition of linggiwai that I witnessed in Jolo was danced by a woman whose gestures were exceptionally beautiful.

When I arrived in Bongao in 1972, I often saw students and ordinary people dancing some linggiwai movements during school programs and celebratory gatherings. Learning the linggiwai movements involved several memory strolls. Thanks to my reliable candle-and-shadow method, I pieced together postures and gestures from numerous dancers through more than two decades of research and experience in the Sulu Archipelago.

This was the living and cultural process of how I created the exclusive movement vocabulary specific to linggiwai alone, which I codified in stick figures, and later were superseded by my own silhouette figures that first appeared in my book titled "Pangalay," published in 1983.

To date, my linggiwai choreography is the most complex version that is a complete dance in itself—with a beginning, middle and ending—that combines complex postures and gestures distilled from observing many master dancers.

Original choreography

The fan is a favorite prop in Asian dances. However, the igal kabkab (literally, fan dance) is not popular among native dancers who obviously did not want to use a universal dance, but only for merriment.

I was excited the first time I saw a dancer use the fan in dancing basic pangalay movements in 1972. This proved to be a rare encounter because it took another three years, in 1976, before I chanced upon another dancer who performed the pangalay with a fan, on a moonlight picnic or "*tamboyak*" by the beach on Sibutu Island.

Imagining the beauty of pangalay movements with the use of a fan, I created my original choreography of igal kabkab in 1983, one of the very few dances in Sulu dance I witnessed in 1973 and 1976—by fusing more complex pangalay postures and gestures which I codified.

I was inspired to develop the simple fan dance for a global audience. My choreography of igal kabkab was intended for the International Dance Festival in Seoul, South Korea, sponsored by big media institutions like KBS and Chungang Daily newspaper, and the Korean Culture and Arts Foundation.

For that occasion, I used the beautiful fan given to me as a present by the president of Asian Dance Association, Madam Oh Hwa-Ja, during the Asian Dance Festival held in conjunction with the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

This original igal kabkab choreography is now part of the repertoire of the dance groups which I co-established, namely Tambuli Cultural Troupe and Alunsilan Dance Circle. Hopefully, igal kabkab will gain more prominence in the Sulu archipelago to deconstruct the rich possibilities of transforming a simple dance without sacrificing the authentic character of pangalay.

Preservation

The preservation of the movement vocabulary of an intangible cultural heritage like the pangalay is of primary importance. But conservation in aid of preservation is equally important, for example, for popular appeal and contemporary control, we may use different kinds of music to pangalay choreography, but without losing the kinetic characteristics of the dance.

Whatever type of music is used—whether pop, rock, RnB, western classical or novel, by—dancers must consistently maintain the pangalay postures, and its slow, smooth, hesitative and flowing movements. Motion sufficiency, sufficiency in motionless—this is the wellspring of the refined and elegant qualities of the pangalay dance tradition.

Editor's Note: Lipaya Fernando-Amilbangsa lived in Sulu and Tawi-Tawi for several decades. She is the wife of Datu Pendatun Amilbangsa, a younger brother of the late reigning sultan of Sulu—Sultan Mahid. Amiral Amilbangsa. Starting in 1969, she has undertaken extensive field research and documentation of the local cultures in the Sulu Archipelago, specifically pertaining to the performing and visual arts of the Samal, Badjaw, Jama Mapun and Tausug. The wealth of primary data that she gathered is published in two volumes: "Pangalay: Traditional Dances and Related Folk Artistic Expressions" (1983), which was given the National Award for Best Art Book by Manila Critics Circle; and "Child-Hood Arts of the Sulu Archipelago" (2005), which was awarded as one of the best publications in the Philippines in 2006.

She was honored as the honor of being the First Most Outstanding Artist of Tawi-Tawi, presented by Gov. Sakkam Adtalis Sakah in September 2011 during the 38th foundation anniversary of Tawi-Tawi province.

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OPINION

Supreme Curiosity

EDITORIAL

IS A world under threat, humankind continues to reach for the stars—and its aspirations are now embodied by a machine dubbed Curiosity.

It took a journey of eight months and a distance of over 500 million kilometers, but on Aug. 5 (Aug. 6 in Manila), the United States' National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) literally took the next giant step in the study of our known universe. Protected by a heat shield, stowed by parachutes and controlled by rockets, Nasa's Mars Science Laboratory rover—aptly dubbed Curiosity—made a perfect landing in the Gale Crater on the surface of the planet Mars. "Touchdown confirmed," reported an engineer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. "We're safe on Mars." And a roomful of some of the world's best scientists burst into applause.

Traveling to the red planet has long been among humankind's largest—but life dreams. It's the stuff of Edgar Rice Burroughs' and Ray Bradbury's imaginings, and the next logical target after the successful moon landing in 1969. Getting to Mars has been an epic journey, as more than half of the over-three dozen attempts to either fly by or land on the planet by the countries who have made it to space—the United States, the Soviet Union and Japan, among others—have ended in disastrous failure. Eighteen astronauts and cosmonauts died in the process of getting to space; many others never actually got to that vast frontier, having perished in the preparations.

Nasa itself had been grieving over the mothballing of its three lone space shuttle programs after three decades and 135 missions. Handicapped by budget cuts and suffering a loss in glamour, America's space program needed an ambitious plan to get to the top again, and this is achieved with Curiosity. Having gambled a mind-boggling $2.5 billion on the latest rover, Nasa wants to have to do more than just cuddle around on Mars' surface. After all, the previous rover landings and various flybys have suggested that Mars might have had water on its surface at one point. Curiosity will set out to prove that—and more. The mobile laboratory will also attempt to find traces of carbon, another invaluable element for life. "We're not just looking for water anymore," said lead scientist John Grotzinger. "The challenge for Mars exploration is to first try to identify environments that might have been habitable and then ask, 'Is this the kind of place where organic carbon could have been preserved?'"

For the moment, Curiosity is standing still for "health" checks but beaming photographs to mission control. In the next month, Nasa will be putting the rover through a series of function tests before it sets out on its first trek—just moving about. Once it is actually mobile, it will obtain soil samples from Mars' surface. The 154-kilometer-wide Gale Crater was specifically selected as the landing site because it would provide the best chance to answer Nasa's burning questions (its tallest peak, Mount Sharp, is made up of sediments that in all that remains of what was once in the crater). The nuclear-powered, carbon-fiber-clad Curiosity will eventually deploy its robotic drill arm to borrow deep into the Martian crust. Meanwhile, its onboard sensors will scan and test all the material it gathers and beam the information back to Earth.

The rover will spend two years analyzing rocks and soil to determine whether the necessary ingredients for life did exist at one point, even if billions of years ago, on Mars, a planet that has long been considered some similar to Earth.

Curiosity is part of a long and sweeping scientific dream of someday leading people on a distant planet known only through imagination and speculation, and, quite possibly, colonizing it. (Bradbury wrote of humans fleeing a troubled and soon-to-be-decimated Earth and settling on Mars; the next generations may eventually see another case of life imitating art.) The rover's landing after a complicated, heart-stopping descent is truly significant, illustrating the best to humankind—its determination to reach for something seemingly beyond human abilities and to achieve it through a combination of evolution, technical revolution, profound courage, boundless perseverance—to spark nothing of enormous amounts of money.

In this mission of exploration, humankind is the thrilled, albeit unsure, passenger in Curiosity.

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Learning from Cabalantian

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Randy Durad

LABAN, a invention word for tradition, entered the vocabulary and consciousness of Filipinos only in 1995, soon after the eruption of Mount Pinatubo. Foreigners appreciated the term and have been using it since the early 1900s to refer, not to tradition, but, in the words of Dr. Edwin Bonifilio, to "rapidly flowing mixtures of rock debris and water from a volcano." We have long associated volcanic eruptions with hurling lava from the planets at night but prone to introduce those Pinatubo radically changed all that.

The other day, I heard local officials of Dumaguete warn their senior citizens to stay indoors tonight for fear of a renewed threat from Cabalantian because of the recent heavy rains. Mr. Bonifilio was to continue my good friend Dr. Raymundo Punongbayan to check if this apprehension had any basis. I was, of course, intensely jolted by the revelations—but he had been gone for quite some time now—that Edley was born. Pinatubo's ashes did more than almost cities to educate the Filipino public on the nature of earthquakes and eruptions and their consequences.

Dr. and Ma'am Bonifilio, one of the very few volcanologists who have become media stars and more knowledge of lahar, were regular guests on my television show, "Public Forum," to bridge the gap between science and common sense. At no other time did government response and public awareness rely so much on the authoritative voice of experts like them. The question of what to do with Pinatubo dominated public discourse. The threat of new eruptions lingered for a couple of years after the first big explosion in June 1991. All kinds of ideas filled the air, no politician suggested, with all the earnestness he could command, dropping bombs into the crater to avert another explosion.

When the threat of further eruptions died down, the debate shifted to what to do to protect low-lying communities from impending lahar. Many favored the construction of containment dikes. This was the most politically palatable, although not necessarily the solution most, however, not prepared to guess

no. Others took the added precaution of building second floors to their homes, or raising them from the ground on sturdy stilts that made them look like bird houses.

The first season of lahar, which came with the rainy season of 1991, were largely of the melodrama (climax!) kind and not very different from the usual floodwaters that carry coastal soil. This bolstered the belief that lahar would be ultimately arrested by the proposed dikes. The more the engineering solutions were projected as the answer, the less urgent it became for residents to consider relocating to safer ground.

Scientists like Punongbayan and Bonifilio refused to be engulfed by the frenzie call for action from the public and the political system. They approached Thames with more and more space, it occurred to me that that they wanted the public to adopt the same respectful attitude in dealing with the natural forces unleashed by Pinatubo. The truest gauge of on the pitch of these forces rather than foolishly hoping to contain or block them.

I reached Bobbi the other day to ask whether he thinks the lahar threats in Dumaguete portents to this day. From his office in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences in the University of Illinois at Chicago where he is professor emeritus, he told me: "It hasn't been very rain of long duration has definitely come a major lahar. We have to keep in mind that the Cabalantian disaster of 1995 was caused by remobilization of previous deposits that had lasted twice in previous years." In this brief response he attached a paper on Cabalantian that he had written but had not published. I was surprised to see that it is not the usual dry technical tract one expects from a natural scientist. This one is full about the people of Cabalantian in the aftermath of the tragedy.

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It took but six hours to bury 1,500 houses, 100 vehicles, and countless people. "Were many drowning victims buried in their homes as viscous, gray and brown and smelling slightly sour, sulphuric. Surprisingly they were not at all hot, unlike the scalding flows experienced elsewhere. But the most impressive things about the flows were their depths; their speed—about 15 kilometers per hour—their power, moving stones the size of a house block. Judging, how they took along everything with them, floating town cars and big boulders."

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Jesus' dream

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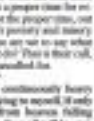

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a teacher who asked her students what their dreams were. Miguel said he wanted to become a doctor. Rose said she wanted to become a nurse. Carmen said she wanted to become a lawyer. And Sonia said she simply wanted to have many children. When the teacher asked him what his dream was, his answer was: "Mama, I just want to help Sonia in her dream."

In today's Gospel (Jn. 6, 41-51), we hear how the Jews murmured about Jesus, and how they misunderstood and opposed His wishes. His dream for the Kingdom of God. They understood and supported items when it was all about bread for their stomachs, but not when it was all about bread from heaven to feed for their souls.

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I can imagine the frustration of Jesus pointing at the "big picture" and all the crowd-types He could see sans their noses in front of them. Here He was showing them the sun, a new dream that would be good for them, and they didn't believe Him or simply didn't care. Such was the fate of prophets then, and even now so that Lately read toward the truth. As someone once said, it is easier for a businessman to get the people's money from their pockets than for a prophet to get new ideas in people's heads.

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Take note that Jesus' popularity rating was at its peak after the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. But soon after, when He started telling about His eternal self-giving, about Himself as the bread of life to be eaten for eternal life, many of the people and even His fellowers abandoned Him. I can imagine the pause of His Calmed members and His handlers, urging Him to stop that kind of talk! But Jesus remained steadfast in His words and in His dream. For Jesus, truth does not need to be handled. Truth needs only to be told.

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When on earth did the programmers of the Reproductive Health bill sit? Are the any robotic sits? Why the blatant and even arrogant disregard for moral and with such haste? I believe all of us want to do what is good for our people. We may differ in our methods and means. I am aware, though, that we can differ in our methods. In the end, may we all listen to what God has to say about this matter. Let us not leave Him out of it. He has a say in all these!

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Amidst all the issues, calamities, and uncertainties in these times, let us continue to work for peace and make Jesus' dream of making the fatherhood of God ever so all come true. In all our journeys, let us learn to always be grateful, "Peace is yours when you have had all things at His feet. When you have placed all things in His hands, when you have entrusted all things to His keeping, when you have learned all things have His care, when you trust His wisdom more than your own, when you rest in His love, and when the peace that surpasses all understanding will rule your heart." Amen!

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The newly elected superior general of our congregation, the Society of the Divine Word, visited us yesterday at Christ the King Seminary. This humble, unassuming, yet brilliant 59-year-old from Spain, Father Heinz, who has worked in the Philippine SVD Southern Province for the past 26 years, especially in line with the poor and marginalized, and I used as to helping make Jesus' dream come true. Fr. Richard Rickelmo, SVD, will be like a sideline that will accompany the 6,800-strong Divine Word missionaries all over the world to make wonderful music for the Lord! One with you, brother Heinz!

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to be a part of Your dream, and to never alienate or depart from it. Amen.

To disqualify or not to disqualify

WITH DUE RESPECT

Antonio U. Pangalangan

THE 10 the question that—go to "Hamlet"—haunts, scandalizes, befuddles and delays the selection process of the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC). Originally, the JBC planned to submit its short list to President Aquino on July 30. This timetable would have given the President about a month to study the list and to appoint the next chief justice of the country.

JBC timetable. The top judicial post was deemed vacated on May 29, when the female impeachment court named Chief Justice Renato C. Corona. The Constitution states that the "vacancy shall be filled within ninety days from the occurrence thereof." Hence, the constitutional deadline to fill it up is on Aug. 27, the 90th day from May 29; given that May and July have 31 days.

The Constitution gives the President the power to name all members of the judiciary, but the authority is not absolute. The President can choose nominees prepared by the JBC. Unlike other presidential appointments, judicial appointees need no confirmation from the Commission on Appointments.

The "council screening" of magistrates is an innovation engineered by the 1987 Constitution, designed to insulate the judiciary from undue political interference and to further lastly judicial independence and integrity.

The JBC's timetable for the current vacancy was, however, delayed. Initially it had to wait for the Supreme Court to rule on the petition of Francisco Chavez challenging the five memberships and two seats of Congress in the council.

After the high court temporarily allowed the two Congress representatives (Sen. Francis Escudero and Rep. Neil Tupas Jr.) to continue sitting pending its full resolution, the JBC rescheduled its session to choose in their ber to Monday, Aug. 6. Then, it moved the date to Aug. 8 on Escudero's plea for time to study the interview transcripts. He did not attend the interviews). This latter date was canceled due to the monsoon rains that flooded Metro Manila, and was reset to Aug. 10, and then again to tomorrow, Aug. 13.

Disqualification rule. Ultimately underlying the delay is the JBC rule disqualifying candidates who are being considered or regular members (i.e., defenestrated) cases. Covered by this rule are three candidates: Justice Secretary Leila de Lima, Solicitor General Francis Jardeleza, and Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Teresita Herbosa.

The foreground flaw of the Philippines, to which the Supreme Court referred in Lima's dockquash cases for investigation and recommendation, flatly denied the secretary's request for their summary dismissal. However, she also repeatedly asked the JBC to amend or to suspend the disqualification rule, claiming that candidates should be chosen on the basis of their personal and professional experience, rather than on "just titled rules of selection that may be outdated, not applicable to current realities, or worse, even unconstitutional."

However, amending or suspending the rule at this point may not benefit De Lima. Executive Order 1993, issued by President Cory Aquino, which was still requiring legislative powers, states that new laws (or amendments) "shall take effect after 15 days following the completion of their publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines...." So, the amendment, even if approved by the JBC, could be too late to help her because it would become effective after the constitutional deadline (Aug. 27) to fill up the vacancy had lapsed.

In a long line of cases starting with Tolentes vs. Tolentes (Dec. 29, 1980), the Supreme Court stressed the compulsory need for official publication before laws, including rules and regulations affecting the rights of the public, can become effective or be amended. This JBC rule affects the rights of the public because prospective candidates may not have applied precisely because of the disqualification rule.

Tuesday disqualification. Last year, Tupas proposed the amendment of the disqualification rule by giving the JBC the discretion to exempt deserving candidates. Ironically, however, the LU-no opposed the proposal, arguing, "the best remedy is ... to remove that the resolution of the pending cases in opposition to the law."

To be sure, the JBC has uniformly applied—without any exception—the prohibition and disqualified all aspirants with pending criminal or regular administrative cases from the time it became effective on Dec. 1, 2000, up to the present. Notably buried were two cabinet members of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, namely, former Justice Secretary Agnes Devanadera and former Energy Secretary Rafael Popoteo Lotilla when they applied for nomination as Supreme Court associate justice.

De Lima can, of course, challenge the disqualification rule in the Supreme Court. Like Hamlet, she can also ask "whether 'tis nobler to the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" in the JBC, "or to take arms against a sea of troubles" in the Supreme Court.

All told, De Lima's hopes are shackled by the constitutional deadline, the JBC disqualification rule and the lack of time to amend it. However, if she can somehow battle this line of disqualification in the JBC and/or the Supreme Court, she stands more than an even chance of being nominated and appointed as the first woman and the first solicitor general to be chief justice. Remember Jose Yulo who was installed as chief justice by the occupying Japanese forces during World War II) to reach the highest judicial rate.

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Fresh paradigm needed

PRESIDENT AQUINO's latest State of the Nation Address was remarkable in a number of ways, not the least of which was in going for the record: He delivered it completely in Filipino, in an effort to communicate in those of an inherent intelligence resides primarily in the stomach. Instead of abstract measures like GDP growth, the achievements detailed were concrete and in the point—more jobs, more classrooms, more roads, more rice production, and electricity made more expensive because contrasted with the long and maledictory record of the past administration.

COMMENTARY

It is tempting to dismiss SONA more as a mere list of to-dos for a normal administration. It is easy to think it for what was missing: a long or sense of vision, an overarching principle, or even just a programmatic framework behind his broad objectives.

It could be argued that there is in fact a bigger frame that held all the discrete facts presented: the idea of "inclusive growth," of enlarging the economy while first putting the basic needs of the poor—jobs to keep their heads above water, education to break the cycle of poverty for the next generation, roads and market accessibility for the poor farmer and fisher, health care for all, and the creation of regional airports and better infrastructure for tourists, which happens to be one of the fastest ways of generating jobs for those whose only asset to the labor of their hands.

The President himself assumed these all up as the social and economic dividends of his "daang matuwid." It is truly some fair expectation that corruption can be punished; that justice can now be had by both the poor and the powerful. One psychological gain of the will to put power behind good governance is what the Italian Guido Carozzo once said about a necessary trait for a statesman: "a sense of the possible." Given the kind of governance we have been used to, it is indeed a wonder to believe that other used to look impossible before our new-found standing as a leader to the European emergency rescue fund.

Similarly, while we do not despise "the day of small things"—the many little changes that are happening, several inch by inch, from the establishment forces that have been to since the dismantling of martial law—an sense that something has yet to change fundamentally in the way we approach the problem of generational poverty.

It has been more than half a century since US President Harry Truman inaugurated the "development age" and the Bretton Woods institutions that would preside over it. The optimistic projection that poverty, injustice and ignorance shall inevitably get wiped out as societies classifies up this train of evolutionary progress as prophesied by Walt Rostow has yet to come to pass.

Our globalization and the economic meltdowns, the rise of underclasses in Europe and the unrest in Wall Street, even western economists are discovering that enlarging the pie will not necessarily have a "trickle-down" effect for the poor. We all have been lured into the millenium idea of "development," from the Marxist dream of the proletariat ruling to be internalized, and the problem of the poor solved by technology and merely market forces.

Certainly, the crumbling of socialist economies tells us that imperfect market mechanisms are better than imperfect governments in creating wealth. But recent experience tells us that the growth can exist alongside increasing hunger.

In much of the past decade, from 2003 to 2008, for instance, the economy grew by an average of 4.8 percent, but the poor increased from 19.1 million to 25.1 million. Mister Bangalore of the Social Weather Stations has observed that the poor "are not affected by the good news in terms of finance, which mostly threatens the rich, as in the form of hunger, which is inflicted by the poor. This has prompted the searching question raised as a Philippine Development Forum by the international donor community: "How some there is rising poverty and hunger in the midst of growth?"

Part of the complex answer to the type of development we have been pursuing. Modernization is not always good for the poor. Even when government-sponsored growth results in unemployed good, this still tends to bypass the poor. It can create disasters.

"The benefits of economic growth in the formal sector of Third World economies tend to bypass the poor because modern sector development projects, even those that are designed projects of national significance, do little to improve the productivity of the poor. A new power plant, a new hospital, improved airport facilities, a new airport terminal, or a new motorway may increase the standard of living of those sectors, the expenses of industry, skilled workers and professionals in the formal work force, but will make barely a difference to the value-added generated by the firms that employ the poor, produce for the poor and sell to the poor."

In such economic where great social and economic imbalances exist, development initiatives will tend to benefit only a thin layer of the elite classes. Long ago, Gunnar Myrdal, speaking out of the caste system in India, already found that no amount of technical solutions can avail within the disincentives posed by systemic inequality. "Greater equality," he said, "is a precondition for lifting a society out of poverty."

It was once said, quite prematurely, that we are at the "end of history"; the once deadly ideological battles that used to preoccupy us are over. What is before us are only boring technical questions of how to make economics grow.

No. The massive poverty that surrounds us demands a fresh paradigm that answers the poor as the center of our vision. We assess the architecture of the Aquino administration in wanting to see to it that no one gets left behind. But this will not happen unless it has a clear and fresh sense of where we should be going and how to get there, apart from the development path others have marked out for us. This is the turning of history we have been missing, and wish to have in future times. Amen.

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Vulnerability, faith and hope

AT LARGE

Nona Jimenez-Garcia

FOR ALL remember the dramatic footage. Boats about to deliver babies are forced to switch course through the flooded streets of Manila. Women giving births to hope. In even scarcer comers, injustice's make a beeline for the mothers bearing new infants, frantically burning away mosquitoes and flies, while the babies lie in a fretful sleep amid...I imagine—the constant noise, the unrelenting heat, and the play of colors of the sea.

Time (neither interviewed) in an evacuation center were surrounded by a mini-harangue of children, many of whom, it turns out, were among her family of 10. The mother was recounting her difficulties in finding bathing facilities for her family, while I could only gape at the sight of her six children in the first place! I wanted to ask her:

Anyway, these sights simply underscore the particular vulnerabilities of women—and the children who depend on them—during disasters. But aside from dramatic footage and human interest interviews, women have figured in the immediate, implementation and funding of rescue and rehabilitation projects. Indeed, there is little recognition in official circles that women, men and children have different needs, and that a "one-size" approach will not only benefit only the visible and outspoken, but also leave the less visible and vocal—the ill-will end up the most ignored, it was forgotten.

Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) Chair Remedios Rikken points out that all around the world, women have been shown to be at greater risk of death, disability and illness during calamities. Research carried out by the Global Gender Climate Alliance (GGCA), says Rikken and PCW Executive Director Myrna Sotiana, "reveals more women die during natural disasters," with the GGCA putting the estimate of deaths at four females for every one male. The key to certain, she says, is empowerment. PCW's key tool: "It is the two-pronged approach of involvement of women and other vulnerable groups, and the local government's willingness to share accountability, which includes transparency in the avail, ability and use of funds."

[illegible] RIKKEN points out that "the sensitivity of local governments, rescue teams, civil society organizations and individual volunteers to the specific needs of women and girls during crisis situations is one other lesson we have learned."

Serious emphasis that these involved in relief operations, particularly local governments, should reach out for the special needs of women, especially of pregnant women and their children, the elderly and persons with disabilities. "Relief goods distribution should include ensuring personal hygiene needs such as sanitary napkins and underwear. Evacuation centers should prioritize privacy for women's comfort rooms and safety against gender-based violence."

Women should be involved even before disasters strikes, adds Rosario, who calls on local officials to "ensure permanent evacuation sites for those living in disaster-prone areas and explains that "even in evacuation, planners should involve women and really listen to them."

[illegible] IIIIN as are Filipinos struggled to survive and prevail over the floods, in the immediate wake of religious waged their own struggle, trying to come to terms with a more "doctrinal reassessment" confronted by the Vatican-and its appointed bishops of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), the dominant grouping of Catholic women religious in the United States. "If they rise to formulate the right and proper responses to the action, Sr. Pat Farrell, president of the LCWR, in her address offered words that give us, the Filipino faithful, a greater understanding of the workings of faith and faithfulness, particularly in the light of the struggle over the passage of the Reproductive Health bill.

In Archbishop Cardinal Dolan's case was one time the's address, says she, unless the address is so entirely would be published instead of just excerpts which are then misinterpreted. I have to ask her indulgence as I don't have enough room, but I offer these excerpts for inspiration and reflection.

"ST. AUGUSTINE expressed what is needed for real discourse with these words: 'Let us as both seeks for souls of strangeness. Let us not, on either side, claim that we have already discovered the truth. Let us seek it together as something which is known to neither of us. But, let us seek it, humbly and lovingly and prayerfully, if there be to hold genuine discourse that is already discovered and possessed.'

"In similar vein, what would be a prophetic response to the larger paradigm shifts of our time look like? I hope it would include such openness and critical thinking, while also insisting hope. We can claim the future we desire and act from it now. To do this takes the discipline of choosing where to focus our attention. If our brains, as neuroscience now suggests, take whatever we focus on as an invitation to make it happen, then the images and visions we live with matter a great deal. So we need to actively engage our imaginations in shaping visions of the future. Seeking we do in hopeful ness. From a very small conscious choice of courage or of confidence can contribute to the transformation of the whole. It might be, in these times, to decide to put energy into that which seems most unfamiliar to us, and rethink our energy and involvement from that which doesn't. This kind of introspection is central to renewal and metanoia. It is both creative and prophetic. In the words of the French poet Rimbaud:

"'It is at night that it is important to believe in the light; one must force the dawn to be born by believing in it.'"

Love and marriage in North Korea

WORLD VIEW

Katharine H.S. Moon

A child would raise Kim Jong-un's status from boy king and 'Great Successor' to legitimate leader

NEW YORK—Imagine North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in a tuxedo, waiting nervously at the altar for the arrival of his grandmother, Kim Il-sung, and his father, Kim Jong-il. He beholds his future wife's hand, anticipating his vhows to the bride. Of course, such an event can only be imagined in today's North Korea. In the photographs presented to the world of the newly public couple, they stand clumsily, but ceremonially, next to each other but at an appropriate distance, or the influence of Kim might be lost.

While observers of North Korean affairs were both riddled and stumped by Kim Jong-un's marriage, and the accompanying media snippets, this "new development" is not startling. It implies nothing about the young leader's attitudes toward sex, political and economic reforms, nor does it signify an effort to appeal to younger voters for support. Instead, the true meaning of Kim's marriage can be found in Korean traditions and dynastic practices.

Per Korean custom both sides of the 28th parallel, marriage is considered a social and sacred life. The Population Reference Bureau reports that in 2008, only 23 percent of North Korean women aged 15-29—and a mere 4 percent of women aged 30-34—had never been married. Among the Pyongyang elite, marriage is de rigueur, with 60 percent of the city's male population registered as married. Indeed, a bachelor is considered weird with children to be considered a true adult—and thus is no less true for North Korea's 32nd Guards.

According to the South Korean newspaper Hankyoreh Sinmun, the average North Korean man married at age 28, and the average woman at 25.5. Thus Kim Jong-un, who is reportedly 28 years old, got to the altar right on time.

Furthermore, women are the majority in North Korea's capital. According to one recent defector, who lived among the elite before escaping to South Korea, more than 60 percent of Pyongyang's residents are female. A woman's lure—that of First Lady Ri Sol-ju—could therefore help to bolster support for the new regime.

Perhaps most important, marriage bestows on the young Kim social and, in turn, political legitimacy. Before the "Great Successor" was married, he looked like a young boy, surrounded by veteran generals, bureaucrats, and family members. Among his older, experienced colleagues, he resembled a lost puppy, or a well-coached boy king, eating a frog, shown in his predecessor's shadow.

To win over the North Korean elite, the new leader's youth must be compensated by the trappings of North Korea, but a respectable version of "Great Leader" Kim Il-sung. And, since according to power after his father's death last December, he has constantly been compared to the Kim dynasty's progenitor. In fact, before he was "unveiled" to the North Korean public, Kim Jong-un is rumored to have been forced to undergo plastic surgery so that he would resemble his grandfather's physiognomy.

In many Western societies, marriage, sex, and children do not necessarily come in one package. But in Korean and dynastic cultures, they do—the puzzle pieces forming a perfect familial picture.

If North Korea's Hot Couple already have a child, as South Korean intelligence reports believe, Kim Jong-un might be in better social and political shape than many people. A child would prove his manhood and serve as his potential heir, tossing Kim's status from boy king and "Great Successor" to legitimate leader completely for governing the dynasty's next generation. If he is not yet a father, he undoubtedly is working on it, as progeny would decrease the risk that his half-brothers or other relatives might challenge his position.

But Kim is more than that he is a real family man, like his father and grandfather, each of whom had multiple wives and children. First Lady Ri Sol-ju probably hopes to bear new sons, to become "Supreme Wife and Mother" and to live a long and happy life—with or without Kim. If she is smart, she knows that North Korean fathers, and in turn, the fatherland, are always dangerous. Keeping the good times in a family of two could help to secure her position, as well as that of her husband.

Project Syndicate

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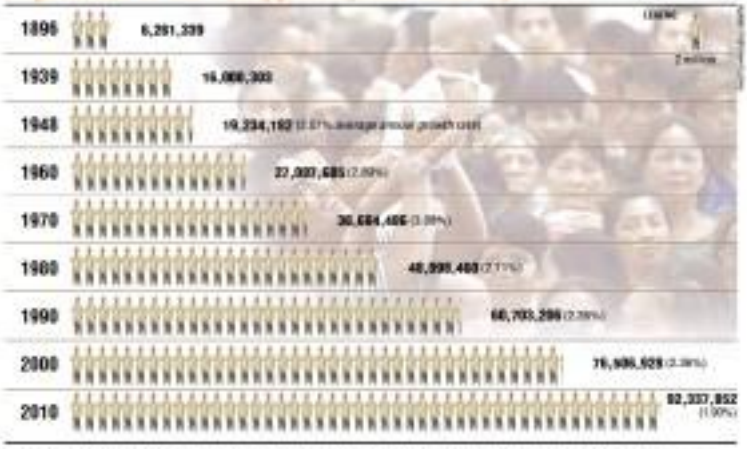
Population of the Philippines (1896 to 2010)

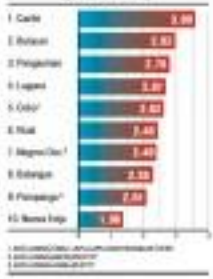


Note: Population in 1896 excludes non-Christians. Population from 1990 to 2000 includes household and homeless populations, Filipinos in Philippine embassies, consulates and missions abroad, and those in penal institutions, orphanages, hospitals, military camps, etc.

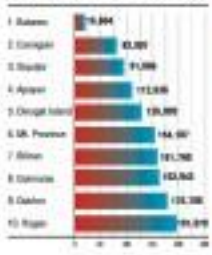
Population, density by region (2010)

Most populous provinces

(2010, in millions)



Least populous provinces



Most populous cities

1. Quezon City	2.76 million
2. Manila	1.65 million
3. Caloocan	1.48 million
4. Davao	1.45 million
5. Cebu	866,171

Fastest growing cities

1. Cotabato	4.16%*
2. Lapu-Lapu	4.01
3. Tagaytay	3.78
4. Puerto Princesa	3.54
5. Dumaguete	3.50

Fastest growing provinces

1. Cavite	4.10%
2. Rizal	3.82
3. Laguna	3.11
4. Bulacan	3.10
5. Palawan*	3.05

PH headcount

THE MONSOON rains that pounded Luzon for days last week displaced so many people because they flooded large areas of the country's biggest population centers—Metro Manila and neighboring provinces.

The metropolis alone accounts for 13 percent of the total population although it occupies a mere 0.38 percent of the country's land area. Sandwiched between Manila Bay and Laguna de Bay and intersected by rivers, tributaries and canals, Metro Manila has more than 11.86 million residents.

An average of 19,138 people live on every square kilometer of the metropolis, dwarfing the 269 for the whole country. Manila itself has the highest population density at 66,087 per sq km. It is no wonder that the country's biggest village is found in Metro Manila. Barangay 176 in Caloocan City has more than 243,000 residents, bigger than the respective populations of at least 10 provinces.

The data presented here were derived and compiled by Lawrence de Guzman and Kara Pedroso of Inquirer Research from the 2010 and other census data of the National Statistics Office and the National Statistical Coordination Board.

City with highest density

Manila

66,087

(per sq km)

Biggest city

Quezon City

2.78 M

Greatest town

Kalayaan, Palawan

222

Metro Manila

City/Municipality	Population as of May 2010	Density (persons per sq km)
Manila	1,652,171	66,087
Mandaluyong	328,699	20,344
Pateros	62,809	19,007
Navotas	249,131	21,883
Caloocan	1,489,040	20,000
Makati	529,039	19,453
Malabon	353,337	20,000
San Juan	121,430	20,000
Marikina	424,000	18,000
Las Piñas	532,672	16,000
Quezon City	2,761,720	16,000
Taguig	644,473	14,000
Pasig	669,773	13,616
Parañaque	589,126	13,611
Valenzuela	575,356	13,245
Muntinlupa	459,941	11,000
Pateros	63,130	8,000

Biggest province

Cavite

3.09 M

Greatest province

Batanes

16,604

Biggest village

Barangay 176, Caloocan

243,890

Villages without people

Barangay Fuentes (Isolic); Barangays Gatasanggon and Punta (Southern Leyte)

5-story deep cistern beneath 'The Fort'

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M. Barjaac Gerino's cistern, which Aquino helped design when he was still with the private sector. Roadwaters is owned and, after the mess, is pumped into creeks that flow into the bay Aquino said.

Metro projects

During his tour of flooded areas on Thursday, President Aquino said catch basins in the Marikina watershed, a ring road idle along Laguna de Bay, and a dike and pumping station in the Cainta-Taytay-Pasig-Marikina-Valenzuela area would be built in 100 to three years to deal with perennial flooding in Metro Manila.

For years, runoff from the 28,000-hectare, denuded Marikina watershed has been a major cause of flooding in areas downstream, including Antipolo City, Marikina, San Mateo and Taytay towns, all in Rizal province, and Marikina City.

During last week's torrential monsoon rains, runoff from the watershed swelled the Marikina River and swamped seven subdivisions in Rizal province in September 2009 when Tropical Storm "Ondoy" sank the metropolis.

On Friday night, the river swelled more after hours of heavy rain, causing panic and prompting evacuations in parts of several low-lying areas covered by flooding.

Not Marikina territory

"All of the rainwater goes down to us. We suffer a lot from the floods, and 94 percent of the causes [come from] watershed," Marikina Rep. Federico Romero Quimbo said by phone. "And there's not a single foot in the watershed that belongs to Marikina."

Quimbo said the water-impounding project was now on the drawing board at the Department of Public Works and Highways, and this could be either a dam or a diversion tunnel.

Dual role

But unlike the Bongao Circle cistern, Aquino said the proposed project in the Marikina watershed would have a dual role: Impound water to protect the residents downstream, and provide the capital another source of potable water.

"We'll use some of the water for domestic use," Singson said.

That is the idea, Quimbo said. He added that he was optimistic that the project would become a reality during the Aquino administration.

"That has always been a pipe dream; an empty promise in the past," he said. "But now we're strongly convinced it will become a reality. The President will not say anything unless he means it. And Secretary Singson has the competence to do it."

To cost billions

Blue-ribbon-tasks-allindustrare set to present the detailed plans, Budget Secretary Florencio Abad said it was also the exact cost of the project. In addition, Sen. Chiz Escudero said the billions of pesos.

"The immediate and short-term requirements may be drawn from budgetary allocations, but the medium and long-term funding will have to be present," he added. Senator Cha Ocampo, technical development secretary and DPP (public-private partnership) funding," Abad said.

PPP funds are often allowed for "self-liquidating projects" like water supply, hydropower, solid waste management and sewage services, he said.

Abad agreed with the principle behind the project.

Contain runoff

"We cannot mitigate the flooding unless we can upstill. cently contain the runoff, especially [water] cascading from the mountains and released from dams," Abad said.

The good thing is that the government could look at the situation and "see how we may harness it to benefit, instead of, hurt" people, he said.

"How can we store use the excess water for irrigation, aquaculture, potable water supply, reforestation and even for hydropower?" he said.

BALANDING ACT Sen. Loren Legarda talks to victims of Tropical Storm "Ondoy" in Lagong Ayenda in Taytay, Rizal province, in this file photo.

Changing climate, changing governance

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to proper waste management and disaster prevention. It also encouraged voluntary contributions in a fund for emergency purposes and responsiveness.

The residents are vigilant in implementing segregation at source—strictly enforcing their no-it-ash segregation no collection policy; recycling, composting and the collection of payment for carbon taxes, which are based on the amount of domestic waste produced from day to day.

To rehabilitate their watersheds, the local government initiated the Tree Million Trees project, which aims to plant one million endemic or native trees by 2013. A tree around Ormoc Lake, one of the areas for tree planting, binds one to endemic native trees such as ungos, jal, Asuey, ungoliday and tabenbun.

Camotes Island's program is considered, among neighboring provinces, as an example of building resilience through good governance.

In Surigao del Norte, the third-class municipality of Tubod has been implementing an effective Solid Waste Management program since 2008.

Led by their mayor, consultations with the people revealed the need for an effective waste management program that would support local compliance of the law.

Through the program, the municipality of Hinatuan cleaned clogged canals, banned their scavenging and scavenger, and relies regulated plastic use and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Zero Basura Olympics

Four years after, proper waste disposal is now a way of life for the people in the town, even drawing praise to disaster preparedness in the event of a natural hazard. Compost, which is a by-product of processing waste, also encouraged households to grow backyard gardens resulting in improved food security.

In 2010, the municipality of Hinatuan won the nationwide Zero Basura Olympics.

Clearly, if Hinatuan and Camotes Island can effectively enforce our environmental laws, there is no reason for a town, city or province to say that it cannot be done.

There success stories encourage us to not wait for the next disaster to strike, but to avoid set ourselves, now.

We must assess our respective work to reducing flood risk, if we are really making any headway amid the "new normal" we experience in this era of climate change. We must implement immediately the Climate Change Act and Disaster Risk Reduction and International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.

The nation's rapid march a comprehensive recovery and rehabilitation plan that will restore people's vulnerability and increase the resilience of all sectors to floods. We must strengthen flood control projects, reforest informal settlers living along riverbanks and esteros, and undertake drainage improvement and watershed projects to arrested inundation. We have to always ensure that sewers, waterways, and drainages are not clogged with waste materials. Moreover, we must educate Filipinos on the importance of waste segregation and provide effective waste disposal methods.

It is imperative for the government to address the discipline of disasters and climate risk-sensitive development planning. The national government budget for 2013 must anticipate and can withstand the impacts and economic costs brought about by stronger typhoons, heavier rains, prolonged droughts and other extreme-weather events.

When the blockages subside, we must remember as people's lives are at stake, a stronger sense of hope and confidence for the future.

While we rebuild the lives of our people in disaster-stricken areas, it may be good to reflect that a similar disaster is likely waiting to happen in hundreds of other places in our country, maybe known already to us.

Our region, Asia, is the world's most climate-prone region. People in Asia are four times more likely to be affected by disasters—pursued by natural hazards than those in Africa, and 25 times more likely than those in Europe or North America, based on a UN report.

In the Philippines, the number of documented disasters from natural hazards surged 50 percent last year, making our nation the world's most disaster-hit country in 2011.

In international climate talks, we have persistently called for climate justice, urging industrialized countries to commit deep cuts in their greenhouse gas emissions and to financially and technologically support climate change adaptation work in vulnerable countries, which are often the least responsible for having caused the climate crisis and have the least capability to deal with its impact.

Today, over half a million Filipinos, so-called "climate refugees" that were displaced by the monsoon rains have suffered irreparable damage on their homes and economic activities. Of the 2,900 families still residing in temporary shelters seven months after Tropical Storm "Sendong."

We will see more of this situation, perhaps even worse, if we do not stop dealing with disasters on an ad hoc basis. We have to strengthen institutions for disaster resilience that have been sidelined during the past administrations, their dynamic leaders living and pushing these initiatives into certain success.

Ultimately, the best choice we have is to make our nation disaster-resilient to face us, once and for all, from the exhausting and costly cycle of rebuilding our communities every single time nature unleashes its wrath.

Let us be the change we seek.

PRESIDENT AQUINO waves to flood victims during a visit to Barangay Tanuan in Mandaluyong City accompanied by Acting Executive Sec. Rene Almendras, Commissioner Rally Bautista, Transportation Secretary Mar Roxas and Youth head Joel Villanueva.

3 politicos in Aquino relief tours defended

By Norman Bordadora

A SENATE ally of President Aquino has defended the three would-be senatorial candidates who joined Mr. Aquino in relief tours of the flood-stricken areas of Metro Manila and neighboring provinces.

The three—federal Education and Skills Development Secretary Chair Joel Villanueva, Interior Sec. Jesse Robredo, and Transportation Secretary Mar Roxas—are being talked about as potential candidates in the administration's Senate line-up for the 2013 elections, were unfairly criticized for engaging in "premature campaigning."

"They're trying to help. I regret that they are being subjected to criticism," said Sen. Franklin Drilon, vice chair of the ruling Liberal Party, in a telephone interview.

But he acknowledged that this kind of criticism was a reality in Philippine politics.

Political season on

"It only shows the political season has begun. Both parties, the [United Nationalist Alliance] and the Liberal Party have been in the arena for the past months," he said.

Asked if he did not see any thing wrong with the three politicians making themselves so visible in the President's relief missions, Drilon said, "It's a judgment call. I'm sure they can defend their acts."

Villanueva, Angara and Robredo are known to be Mr. Aquino's choices who are not members of his party.

Villanueva is a member of the Citizens' Battle Against Corruption party-list group, Hanseniwa of the Silingan party-list group and Angara of the Lakas ng Demokratikong Pilipino.

The President announced recently that the LP's coalition talks with the Nacionalista Party and the Nacionalista People's Coalition had been successful.

The administration coalition is expected to contest the 12 senatorial seats up for election in 2013 with the UNA coalition of Vice President Jejomar Binay's PDP-Laban and deposed President Joseph Estrada's Partido ng Masang Pilipino.

Evacuees return home to mud-caked piles of garbage

WARY evacuees who sheltered at a school in a badly flooded suburb of Manila were told on Friday to return to their homes, but residents in Ormoc said they were still living in squalid conditions.

Her home is a 24-square-metre box that has a rough concrete floor and a tin roof, with no ceiling. The lower half of its walls is made of flimsy cinder blocks and the upper half of warped cardboard and tarpaulin.

The Marikina River, normally about 200 metres from her home, was swelled by torrential monsoon rains, and the water reached within centimetres under the roof of her home. It deposited thick mud half-knee deep as it receded early Thursday.

A 54-year-old widow, Limas said the floods brought back memories of the 2009 deluge when the was huddled under an umbrella with one of her daughters and her 4-month-old grandson on the roof of a nearby daycare center as typhoon Ondoy/ere destroyed her home.

When the water rose early last week, Limas hurried her family to the same elementary school in Sangley village where they found temporary shelter in 2009.

School prepares to open

More than 7,000 evacuees sheltered at Sangley Elementary School in Marikina City during the recent floods. But principal Marciana de Guzman said they were told to leave as the school could be prepared for the resumption of classes this week.

Limas works doing laundry and shares her home with her two unemployed daughters and their husbands—one a sister's driver and the other a laborer who is currently out of work. Each of her daughters has two children, one only 8 months old.

PILES OF GARBAGE packed in sacks line up a street in Barangay Tatalon in Quezon City on Saturday. The same scene is repeated in areas hard hit by the floods spurred by the monsoon rains.

She received where everyone would sleep on Friday night when they return home because everything was wet and muddy.

Her daughter, Venice, was collecting cardboard boxes to use as sleeping mats.

"I wish we could have a new home, one that has decent walls not made of cardboard," she said. "We have nowhere to go. If we had money, we would leave this place."

Resettlement

Her continuously is a resettlement site for hundreds of poor families in Marikina, the "shoe capital" of the Philippines, said City Council member Jody Magbalot.

Magbalot said many of the shoemakers who lost their livelihood had not yet recovered from the devastation of the 2009 floods, which was then the worst flooding in the metropolis in 40 years.

The torrential monsoon rains that lashed Luzon from Aug. 6 through Aug. 8 forced more than 340,000 in Metro Manila and nearby provinces to flee their flooded homes and seek shelter in schools, churches and government buildings, at least 77 people died, many from drowning.

Nowhere to go

Civil Defense Chief Benito Ramos said some evacuees had returned home but many others remained in the shelters because their homes had been destroyed.

"They have no homes to return to, they have no food, they have no clothes except what they are wearing," he said.

Residents using anything from shovels to pieces of plywood scraped the debris off the floors of their homes and the pavements and gathered them into mud-caked piles of garbage on the side of the street.

"It's really an eyesore when we see it from the helicopter," Ramos said. "There will be no more rescues. It's now Operation Cleanup."

AP

P352-B flood control plan set by DPWH

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Apparently aware of the time-to-act plan, the President announced on Thursday, during his first State outing through evacuation centers in Marikina, Quezon City, Valenzuela and Navotas, that there were at least three infrastructure projects that would be finished in two to three years to deal with the perennial flooding in the metropolis and outlying areas.

The redirected receiving canal idle on the site of Laguna de Bay, embankments and catch basins in the Marikina River watershed and an 8-kilometer dike and pumping station in Cainamosa (Caloocan), Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela's area.

Mr Aquino, however, did not disclose specifics of the projects.

In a DPWH report furnished the Inquirer, Estan said "the construction of the Marikina large dam plus improvements in the Pasig and Marikina river embankments are considered as top priority projects of the department."

"They're joint No. 1 on DPWH's short list of 11 structural mitigation measures ... They are intended to store excess floodwater exceeding two Metro Manila and nearby areas during heavy rains," Estan said.

The agency also listed the West Laguna Interior Road, among, with a budget requirement of P95.3 billion, as a "very high priority" project.

High priority projects

The "high priority" projects are the Manila-metro area drainage improvement, P27.2 billion; East Mangaldan (Pangasinan) and Agno River improvements in Cainta and Taytay areas, P26 billion; Malabon-Tullahan river improvements, P12.6 billion; Meycauayan river improvements, P14.66 billion; Bulacan-to-Orion-Meycauayan river improvements, P6.824 billion; flood-taming by small cities around Laguna lake, P7.15 billion; and improvement of inflow rivers to Laguna lake, P627 million.

Also in the plan are "marginal priority" projects: South Bulacan-Metro Manila river improvements, P17.3 billion; and West Mangaldan area drainage improvements, P5.32 billion.

Under its public investment program, the DPWH earlier planned to set aside only P64 billion for its flood control projects from 2012 to 2016.

Estan said he was confident that, if not all, of the 11 projects would be completed before the end of President Aquino's term.

Marikina large dam

"The construction of the Marikina large dam would take a little more time. It has to go through the bidding process, which may take at least a year, then another year for scouring of funds, also one year or more for detailed engineering and the procurement process, and finally the construction or project implementation phase of the project, which may take six years," he said.

Estan said the master plan represented the Aquino administration's seriousness in dealing with the perennial flooding in Metro Manila and surrounding provinces.

"The political will is there," he said. "The master plan will serve as the government's road map and vision in managing flood until 2035."

The plan, which has been study since February, is the administration's response to calls for solutions to the effects of wild weather, such as the widespread devastation caused by Tropical Storm "Ondoy" and Typhoon "Pepeng" in late September and early October 2009.

Metro sits on flood plain

Metro Manila, which sits on a flood plain for three rivers—the Marikina, Napindan and Pasig rivers—took again early this week due to torrential monsoon rains. The relentless rains also flooded wide swaths of central and northern Luzon, killing at least 77 people and leaving 15 billion in damage to agriculture.

With a $3.5-million technical grant from the World Bank and the Australian Aid for International Development, the DPWH conducted a flood risk assessment study for Metro Manila and nearby communities from February 2011 to February this year.

Aside from accommodating severe typhoons, using the information to develop flood hazard maps and mathematical models

MAP shows how the Department of Public Works and Highways plans to put in place a master flood control program that spans Metro Manila and surrounding provinces.

Marikina Large Dam

Purpose:
For flood control

Dual, Supplementary water supply during dry season by using stored water in the flood control storage.

THE P352D control plan includes the construction of a large dam in Marikina to help ease the flow of floodwaters.

and setting target flood safety levels for the rivers and Laguna lake, DPWH also studied various alternative mitigation measures in formulating the master plan," Estan said.

Social impact

The DPWH also "looked into the impact on affected populations for each option and incorporated on-site developments or nearby resettlement projects as integral parts of project development," Estan said.

He said the 11 projects would require the "resettlement" of at least 787,306 people, many of whom are illegal settlers, including 338,708 along Pasig-Marikina river; 295,079 in Laguna lakeshore towns; 141,107 in San Juan river; 184,221 in Upper Marikina and Wawa river; 84,928 in Mangaldan flood-prone; 19,456 in Malabon-Tullahan river; 20,320 in Meycauayan river; and 10,276 in South Pampanga-Las Piñas river.

But Estan gave assurances that "social issues would also receive the highest priority from the DPWH."

In another report, the DPWH said that "as of Dec. 31, 2011, a total of 14,003 illegal structures along esteros, rivers and other waterways leading to Manila Bay, as well as 161 illegal fish pens in Regions III (Central Luzon) and IV-A (Calabarzon) had been demolished."

"As of first quarter of 2011, a total of 395 kilometers, covering 151 riverwood 61 sections of drainage canals nationwide, were also cleared. An additional 631 illegal structures along rivers in Region II (Cagayan Valley) were also dismantled," the DPWH said.

UN distributes tons of hi-energy biscuits

By Tarra Quismundo

THE WORLD Food Programme (WFP) has started distributing high-energy and vitamin-enriched biscuits to evacuees in flood-hit communities around Luzon, saying it was committed to provide food and other emergency provisions yesterday to more than two million people affected by widespread flooding as the death toll rose to 96.

The WFP said it had received the first batch of fortified biscuits for distribution to evacuation centers in Metro Manila, and Central and Southern Luzon.

The wheat-based biscuits are enriched with vitamins and minerals considered crucial in sustaining evacuees in the first few days of an emergency, when cooking would still be difficult.

The WFP also said it was hiring trucks to help the government transport relief supplies.

"[The] WFP is saddened by the humanitarian impact of the monsoon rains over the last week in the Philippines, and we stand like millions of our fellow citizens in solidarity with those affected by the floods," said WFP Country Director Stephen Anderson.

"We stand ready to offer our full support to the government where and when needed," he declared said in a statement.

The WFP high-energy biscuits, estimated to benefit some 202,500 displaced individuals, are being distributed through the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Of the 52.3 metric ton total, 29.1 metric tons will be distributed to priority areas in Central and Southern Luzon, benefiting some 107,500 evacuees.

Some 13 tons will go to 65,000 flood victims including Marikina, Muntinlupa, Manila, Pasay and Quezon City.

The WFP has also partnered with the Department of Health to deliver ready-to-use supplementary food to some 77,000 flood-affected children, aged six months to 5 years.

The flooding that submerged 80 percent of Metro Manila early in the week has largely subsided, allowing people to return to their homes, but more than 100 low-lying towns and cities to the north remain under water.

Benito Ramos, director of the Office of Civil Defense and Management Council, said the huge displaced population, including 441,000 people contained in crowded evacuation centers, would need to be fed and taken care of for at least another seven days.

"The bulk of our operations is now relief, but also cleanup. Volunteers are packaging 100,000 food packs for immediate distribution," Ramos said.

With a report from AFP

HUNGER DAYS: A child receives an evacuees queue-up for relief goods being distributed in a gym in Barangay Bagong Silangan, Quezon City, on Saturday.

Pagasa: 2 to 3 storms may hit PH this month

By DJ Yap

DON'T let the sun's appearance make you lower your guard.

An active low pressure area (LPA) spotted off Central Luzon may intensify into a storm and enter the country's territory by tomorrow, while the southwest monsoon will continue to bring rain showers over several provinces, the state weather bureau said yesterday.

Not only that, two to three more storms are expected to hit the Philippines this month alone and possibly four more next month, said Vicente Malano, administrator of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

"We should not let our defenses down to the next few days," Lote said in a television interview.

New storm

As of 2 p.m. yesterday, the low pressure was observed at 1,820 kilometers east of Central Luzon, but it was still too far to affect any part of the country within the next 24 hours, Pagasa said in an advisory.

Lote said, however, that there was now a good likelihood that the low pressure would strengthen into a storm. "By Monday, northeastern Aurora and Eastern Visayas may experience the direct effect of the LPA," he said.

Pagasa said the southwest monsoon (or habagat) has enhanced rainfall conditions to bring mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms over northern and Central Luzon, particularly in the provinces of Bataan, La Union, Pangasinan, Zambales, Tarlac, Pampanga, Bataan, Tarlac and Bulacan.

2 more storms

In an earlier interview, Pagasa Administrator Nathaniel Servando said 12 more storms or typhoons could strike the Philippines in 2012, he said the onset of El Niño toward the latter months could mean stronger typhoons.

Annually, an average of about 20 storms hit the Philippines. The latest was Typhoon "Gener," which departed earlier this month. Gener's exit was marked by monsoon showers rains that submerged large parts of Metro Manila and neighboring provinces from Luzon.

Servando said storms that enter the country in August, September and October usually hit the eastern seaboards of the Visayas and Luzon, while in the late quarter, they are more likely to strike Northern Mindanao.

OVERSEAS registered voters for the 2013 midterm elections number 831,631. The target is at least one million.
—Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario

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This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

Unlocking the secret life of rice

By Cristina DC Pastor

IN JANUARY, Michael Purugganan, 48, was named dean for science at New York University (NYU). For the former College Inquirer features editor who rose to become a leading plant biologist and now a distinguished New York science educator, the journey began quite unsupriscingly—with rice.

A study indicating that rice domestication activity from China was published by scientists led by the Manila-born Michael. That study disputed the common belief that the two subspecies of Asian rice, japonica and indica, may have come from two sources—China and India. "Using more modern computer algorithms, the researchers concluded these two species have the same origin," explains a statement released by NYU in May last year.

For Michael, that particular research was just one of his analytic studies on the Asian staple. There are others currently being developed in his laboratory at NYU or in collaboration with other academic researchers. Here it is for two reasons: He wants to keep his connection with this important Philippine crop and also because he is a voracious consumer. "I'm intimate with rice," he said.

The fact is, he's been studying rice even when he was a student at Manila Science High School. But in college, he took up chemistry at UP Diliman, becoming the features editor at the Collegian in the turbulent 1980s. When opposition leader Benigno Aquino Jr. was assassinated in 1983, Michael led the coverage and published two special issues about social injustice and the unraveling of the Ferdinand Marcos dictatorship.

With a bachelor's degree, he left the Philippines to pursue his master's in chemistry at Columbia. Realizing he wasn't all that enthused about chemistry, he looked around for other disciplines that would be "economically useful" in case he had to go back to the Philippines. (Why not plant biology, thinking he could use the knowledge to study rice, possibly at the International Rice Research Institute in Los Baños. He got a Ph.D. in botany from the University of Georgia, followed by postdoctoral research at the University of California in San Diego (UCSD), where he studied plant evolution. After UCSD, he applied for a research position at UP but was told there, by unstable position was teaching.

As he evaluated his options, he was offered to teach genetics at North Carolina State University. He stayed there for 13 years, leaving as a chair professor. He joined NYU in 2006, bringing with him his entire laboratory and a staff of about six people. Purugganan Laboratory now with a staff of 12, a mix of 14 to

EVOLUTIONARY biologist Michael Purugganan heads his own research laboratory at New York University

nation of the kinds', or the Dipterocarp of rice. Why wasn't I surprised?

Q&A

Rice research on rice. What is the significance of his study?

Rice is one of the most important food crops in the world; it provides a chief to half the calories consumed in the world. It's grown primarily for food. There's a huge international interest in it. For a long time, I've been interested in studying major crops in the world and how they originate, how did they evolve.

Rice, from the point of view of genomicists, is very good because it has a small genome and we can read the entire genome very easily.

Genome, meaning the DNA?

Yes, the DNA in the cell that has all the genes that allow an organism to develop and survive. Just to give you an idea, Arabidopsis has about 2 billion letters in its genome. Rice has about 400 million basepairs or letters, which makes it easier to study.

When you began your study, what did you want to find out?

Research goes wherever it goes. One of things you need to understand as a scientist is where the research is leading you, and going there. We have a research proposal, we have a plan. It is highly unlikely you are going to stick to the plan.

What got you interested in rice?

Very interesting story actually. I was at North Carolina, involved in plant evolution. We've been studying the origin of crop species looking at origins of cabbage, broccoli, etc. I wanted to find an excuse to go home to the Philippines. I looked at one of the putative researchers in my lab and said let's look at the project. One thing I was interested was intake rice at midnight which is all over Asia. We knew from past research that grow medication that gives it its nutritious. I said let's look at it and study it.

We all know rice packs a lot of calories. Are there studies on how to make it more of a health food with fewer calories?

We don't do that kind of research, and the reality is rice is pure starch.

Are you a rice expert?

No. I'm an evolutionary biologist. I study different types of plants. I was trained in plants, but if someone came to me one day and said, Michael I will give you this grant to study ants, birds, then I would.

What's the common reaction when people find out you're a scientist?

Yes, I'm always surrounded by scientists. So the reaction is not that special. I have a lot of friends from the Philippines who are artists. They're intrigued by the fact that I'm a scientist, and I'm intrigued by the fact that they're artists. What it is is that science is also a very creative process.

JASON Janssen and Mark Harrison age for a civil partnership in the United Kingdom.

Bantay OCW airs over GMA News TV International

By Susan K.

BANTAY OCW (Ang Boses ng OFW) can now be watched through the international feed of GMA News TV International.

Viewers overseas can tune in to this public service program dedicated to wide-ranging OFW topics and migration issues four times a week in Japan, Guam, Australia, New Zealand, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, North Pacific Mariner and US Eastern Toronto via GMA News TV International channel. The program started airing last June.

Bantay OCW is very thankful to Gilberto R. Duavit, Jr., president and chief operating officer of GMA Network, Inc., and Joseph Jerome T. Francia, vice president and head of operations of GMA International for believing and supporting the

commercial adventures of Bantay OCW for OFWs.

The Bantay OCW team is grateful to the men behind the realization of this partnership with GMA News TV International. This would not be possible without the kind efforts of Edwin Rosales and Ani Marcelo in Boston, GMA Network, Inc. based director who has created and supported Bantay OCW all the way.

Launched in 2011, GMA News TV International primarily airs news programs (in conjunction with GMA Network's news department and others), along with other limited programs such as documentaries and current affairs programming. It is also a complement to its two other international channels: GMA Pinoy TV and GMA Life TV).

For the detailed timeslots of Bantay OCW program overseas, visit our Facebook account.

Readers talk back

Couple duped more than P1M by illegal recruiter! Their cases are what we call "Senang (ugliin) ka" ("It's an old scam."). I recall when I was in Manila, living along Don Camilo Street, adjacent to Ramon Magsaysay High School, I once observed a whole block of the street filled with jeepneys packed with aspiring OFWs. I asked one of the passengers what was up. One told me, those relatives came from provinces. The passengers waited at the airport expecting to see their abroad-that-day. However, their recruiter did not show up. The missing recruiter had earlier set up a temporary recruitment office on Don Camilo Street. Why can't our government stop these illegal recruiters? They should be punished with the death penalty so that others will not do the same. —Marlon Wong of Taiwan

Susan Ando, aka Susan K. is on board at Radyo Inquirer 990 AM, Monday to Friday 7:30-9:00 p.m. and on-demand via streaming: www.ring.ph. Mobile: 09175200588/0923-0020-068. 4900. E-mail: susan@inquirer.net@yahoo.com/homeyou.foundation@yahoo.com

Fiancé visas for gays

By Fortuna Barbara Flores

SAME-SEX marriage is a ban in the United States and Virginia President Barack Obama has given it his open support.

A Filipino gay in the United Kingdom can openly tells his story on his marriage.

Kevin Amorin Harrison, a 24-year-old Filipino, and his husband, Mark Harrison, 44, in Dubai four years ago through a common friend who set them up for a date.

"I think it was really love at first sight. Since our first date, we never dated anybody, until we decided to get 'married,'" he recalls.

Since the two had different citizenships, they needed to legalize their relationship so Arvin could stay in the United Kingdom.

"Although I didn't look at it as an opportunity to get a UK visa, we both thought that it was the right time to get married so we were not getting any younger and we wanted a normal life with each other. Yes, like other married couples," he adds.

Arvin left Dubai with a fiancé visa which would eventually pave the way for his citizenship.

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Free Skype and Wi-Fi services at SM Global Pinoy Center

THE SM GLOBAL Pinoy Center is offering free Internet services, free mobile phone charging, free voice calls, remittance pick-up (RPC) services and foreign exchange services and extra free refreshments to families with loved ones away from overseas.

Through the Global Pinoy Center, SM hopes to ease country's modern-day heroes by continuously serving them and helping improve their lives and bringing them closer to home and to their families.

SM said in a statement.

SM currently has 20 Global Pinoy Centers in SM hypermalls nationwide and an SM Global Pinoy Center at the OFW Terminal 1. To become a Global Pinoy (GP), OFWs or relatives should show proof of remittance and pay P150 to avail themselves of a GPC card which is valid for two years.

"I can call and e-mail my daughter anytime in Qatar whenever I'm in an SM mall," said one GPC member, 50-year-old former OFW Marcelito Quinero.

Quinero worked in Japan as a painter from 1976 to 1987 in order to support his family and to broaden his expertise as a musician. His experience as an OFW was not that easy because he said, "You'll leave your family and loved ones behind. You have to stick to a budget from what you earn abroad so that you can send enough money to your family here in the Philippines. Next is the communication problem because technology was not advanced in my time. I could only call my family four times a week using a call card because there was no Skype or Wi-Fi, that being an OFW up to also touch you a lot times like because it will open your mind to many ideas about different cultures."

Quinero is now back in the country with his family and his daughter Lydia Quinero now works as a preschool teacher in a Qatar mall.

"In my time, the telephone (landline) was the only means of communicating with my family," he said.

Technology upgrades like Skype and Wi-Fi are a big help to all OFWs, "he said.

MARCELITO Quinero and his wife take advantage of free Skype and Internet services at the SM Global Pinoy Center.

P352-B flood control plan

Master plan of 11 infra projects bared

By Jerry E. Esplanada

AIMING to reduce the vulnerability of Metro Manila and outlying provinces to flooding during heavy rains, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has introduced a master plan for effective and comprehensive flood management in the region up to 2035.

The plan, which calls for at least P351.72 billion in infrastructure spending, also aims to "develop a safe country that is resilient to floods," according to Patrick Garan, head of the DPWH's Project Management Office for Major Flood Control Projects.

On July 31, the National Economic and Development Authority's (Neda) Investment Coordination Committee approved the plan, which covers a total of 11 infrastructure projects, including the construction of a large dam in Marikina that will cost P19,481.61 billion.

But the master plan still needs the final approval of the Neda board headed by President Aquino, Garan said in an interview with the Inquirer.

After getting Malacañang's approval, the DPWH plans to "start processing its queues for funding and start preparatory tasks for the design of the priority projects," Garan said.

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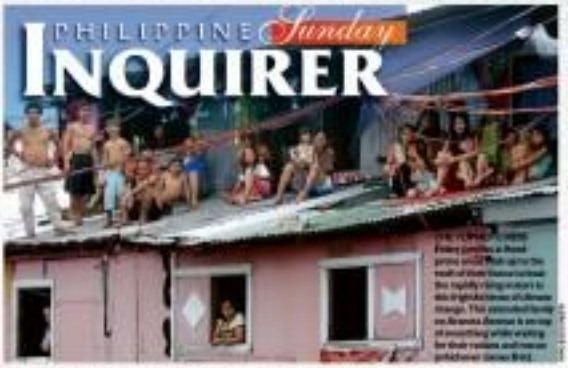

5-story deep cistern in 'The Fort' water-impounding model

By TJ Burgonio

DID YOU know that Bonifacio Circle in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, has a five-story structure underneath it where floodwater is impounded and later released into Manila Bay?

The government is looking at it, or the principle behind it, in a search for a model for a water-impounding system that it plans to build in the Marikina watershed, the main source of floodwaters that swamped Manila and neighboring cities during last week's deluge in Metro Manila.

"What we're looking at is to impound or retard the amount of water together with the runoff upstream. It's been effective in many countries and we've used that in Fort Bonifacio," Public Works Secretary Rogelio Singson said in a phone interview yesterday.

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Mother of 6 gives CCT a bright, lively human face

By Cynthia D. Balana

FOR YEARS, Maribel Bacong, a mother of six, had to wake up early each day to escort her cousin's children to Pamantolan, Mt. Province, looking for bits of scrap iron she could sell to augment the meager pay that her husband brought in.

She does not have to do that anymore.

As one of the first batch of beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), also known as the conditional cash transfer (CCT) program, in the Cordillera region in 2008, Bacong has been receiving cash grants to help send her children to school.

But, as the name implies, the dole comes with strings attached. Bacong's children, who will be beneficiaries until they reach 14 years of age, must continue at

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So what's in a name? 'Habagat' or 'Hagibis'?

By TJ Burgonio

HOW DO we call the "storm" with no name? Habagat 2013?

State President Aquino's deputy spokesman, Abigail Valte, was stumped on how to call the powerful monsoon rains that triggered massive flooding and cut a wide swath of de-

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Changing climate, changing governance

By Sec. Loren Legarda

Chair, Committee on Climate Change
United Nations Regional Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation for Asia-Pacific

THE CAMOTES Island in Cebu, a tropical paradise blessed with superb white sand and pristine, crystal clear waters, has become a model for disaster risk reduction and management, with one of its municipalities, the town of San Francisco, attaining the 2011 United Nations Sasakawa award for Disaster Risk Reduction.

With the goal of sustainability for their farming and fishing communities, the townsfolk established the Hazak system as a way to build capacity for local action. This traditional method of self-organization unites villagers behind communities to understand and develop the discipline needed

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Floods show 'sad truth' about BPOs

Online plea rues 'business as usual' despite widespread calamity

By Kitz T. Olchondra, Julie M. Aurelio, Nancy C. Carvajal and Jaymee T. Gamil

AS ONE online litany put it, last week's massive monsoon floods exposed a "sad truth" about an otherwise booming industry.

Call center agents and other employees in the business process outsourcing (BPO) sector could not hide their dismay over the decision of some companies to keep it "business as usual" despite the calamity.

This sentiment surfaced yesterday in a statement by the IBPAC Industry Employees' Network (IBPAC-IEN), which described itself as a group founded by employees from the country's top three BPO companies. In a website randomly access...

...ployees for BPO employees.

"BPO employees are being unjustly treated by certain ... companies who claim that they 'do not take orders from the government.' Despite the life-and-death risks, we were still asked to report for work in order to serve our clients abroad," the statement said.

"Let our lives in charge that we could easily be put at risk during these times?" the group asked in a piece titled "BPO workers are...

Sun Cellular partners with Meralco to facilitate easy Sun Postpaid line application

In line with its ongoing efforts to make its services even more accessible to value-seeking Filipinos, leading mobile carrier Sun Cellular partners with electric power giant Meralco to facilitate easy Sun Postpaid line application for Meralco customers.

Correct as the "Move with Sun" Partnership, this program prequalifies a select segment of Meralco customers to a Sun Postpaid Plan 350 line and offers them a special partnership exclusive plan pack, with:

"This partnership with Meralco endeavors to create a convenient means for Meralco customers to apply for a new Sun Postpaid line. Now, they could start by just presenting their latest Meralco bill with the printed ad, along with a valid ID, at the nearest branch of The Sun Shop," says Nicky Pena, SVP for Sun Postpaid and Broadband Marketing.

Under this special application scheme, qualified customers can readily apply for the "Sun Plan 350 with unlimited Sun calls and texts and 250 texts to other networks. With every subscription, they also get a free Alcatel OT-918N Glory Android smartphone and Globe five hours of mobile internet per month for the first six months (exclusive to Meralco clients).

Pena revealed that aside from giving users a good experience of 3G and Internet connectivity, this partnership-exclusive bundle also aims to extend mobile access to the new Meralco application called "Move", short for "Meralco Virtual Engine".

MOVE is Meralco's latest innovation, which offers round-the-clock access to Meralco assistance on smartphones and tablets. It has six services that offer issue-free help, load consumption control and help customize your shield, all integrated in one mobile app suite.

"Meralco is committed not only to delivering reliable and safe electric service, but also to providing excellent customer service and convenience to the Filipino," says Meralco's SVP and Head of Customer Retail Services & Corporate Communications Alfredo Panlilio.

"Through this offering, Sun Cellular joins Meralco in addressing the growing consciousness among consumers of the need to manage the energy consumption of their households," added Pena.

Aside from this joint initiative, Pena also assures that Sun continues to look for more partnerships and synergies that will help the network deliver even better services and create a more convenient distribution system for all its offerings nationwide.

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Pinoy 'arks and crafts' keep flood victims on the move

By Carson Blas Jr.
Inquirer Lifer

WHAT do banana trunks, plastic drums, inflatable beds and discarded styrofoam packages have in common?

They can showcase Filipino ingenuity and entrepreneurship especially in times of need, like when massive floods isolate residents of gated communities from the outside world.

At the height of last week's monsoon floods in Cainta, Rizal province, when even the biggest trucks could not pass through the inundated roads, young men turned thousands of peso-bearing residents between their homes and the main thoroughfare, Felix Avenue (formerly Imelda Avenue).

They came out ready to get wet and offered a fleet of boats and rafts made from the oddest of materials.

Boats, 21, was one of about 10 boatmen who helped people make it across the waist-deep flood along the avenue and into Village East Subdivision in Barangay San Isidro, Inquirer sister the entire time in the chest.

Like most of the boatmen, Boats lived on the poorer fringes of the subdivision. When the heavy downpour submerged a third of the village, they lost their day-wage jobs mostly as construction workers or helpers—but instantly found a source of income in the very waters that put many other lives at somersault.

"Kaysa na po ang bahala Ch'o all up to you)," Boats said, referring to the June, after getting a passenger onboard his recast 4 plastic drum cut into two to form side. held together with wire, *dito po ako kumiot mo*" said seafarer. A wooden plank provided seating for up to four people.

He said sometimes usually gave P20 to P100 each for the nearly 30-minute-long trip between Felix Avenue up to the village clubhouse.

Wading in waist-deep waters in front of their family friends inside the subdivision, Andy, who offered a boat similar to that of Boats's, recalled that one generous woman paid him P500 on Wednesday.

He traveled her from the village clubhouse, which served as the boat "terminal," to Oregon Avenue. Entrances which was about four kilometers away.

The subdivision of 2,500 households sits at the junction of two creeks flowing from metropolis City and emptying into Cainta River.

On occasion, like during the onslaught of Tropical Storm "Ondoy" in 2009 and last week's flooding, a part of the usually vibrant village goes underwater and is cut off from the rest of Cainta.

But like its ingenious boatmen, many Village East residents refuse to be stopped and look for ways to keep on going. They find many of their commuting neighbors helpful in such situations.

Aside from getting cooked for hours, the boatmen's journey could be fraught with other hazards. Boats said he had to endure the pain of stepping on sharp rocks and other watery obstacles. At times, he had to fight strong currents to keep his improvised boat from drifting away.

But the payoff was all worth it. As of Thursday afternoon, Boats, 37, said he had already earned about P5,000 since early Tuesday. He offered rides on his boat inflatable bed.

On normal days, most of those men earn around P9000 for eight hours of labor in one of the many construction sites in the subdivision.

"This opportunity only comes once in a while," said another pub pilot who had been practically in the water for three days and had begun feel the chill. "A *pag wala kang* [we would die to keep the gig."

Others cleverly built boats or rafts made of banana trunks or bamboo poles held together with rope. Others fashioned floats out of styrofoam blocks and even an old bathtub.

Three teenage boys, for example, collaborated and produced something that looked like a floating bean bag packed with pieces of styrofoam.

ALL GONE AS THEY FLOAT Rafts and boats for flood-victims come in all shapes and sizes, as shown here by some enterprising residents in Cainta, Rizal province.

The paying riders didn't seem to mind what shape their floaters took, as long as they can keep them afloat.

Business only began to take a dip Thursday night when the rains finally stopped, the floods started to subside, and 18-wheel trucks and light cars started to reclaim the boulevard's corners.

By nightfall, these and the others were no longer needed. But they will surely spring back in action when needed, perhaps, with more ingenious tricks, to make life for flood victims a little more bearable.

METROBRIEFS

Call center agent killed

A CALL CENTER agent was stabbed to death by a former barangay watchman as a friend's birthday party in Quezon City on Friday night, Eastern Pasumok, 25, was stabbed nine times, and he did not make it alive to Ward 06 College hospital. Police investigation of the killing showed that Pasumok was attacked at a party of the victim's female friend in Barangay Batasan. Pasumok's wife, Marjorie, identified the assailant as Marlon Banana, a former barangay watchman. Marlon's mother had worked with Pasumok's mother at one point earlier in about 11:30 a.m., Pasumok went out to buy something. Banana, who was waiting outside, attacked him with a knife. **Julie M. Aurelio**

Free lapito meals

WHILE the city may be one of the most affected by last week's torrential rains, Las Piñas Mayor Vergel Aguilar yesterday called on residents to avail themselves of free prevention medicines against leptospirosis. Aguilar said 30 health centers across the city are distributing the medicine every day, including Saturdays. "While we were spared by the broadest effects of high flooding, I also want to make sure that the residents' our residents are protected as well," he said in a statement. Since Tuesday, city health workers have been distributing medicines to evacuees and volunteers who helped evacuate families along the city's coastal areas. **Jaymee T. Gamil**

SM's Operation Tulong

SM SUPERMARKETS is the latest of local businesses to open their doors to flood victims in Metro Manila, with SM City Marikina in coordination with SM Foundation gathering relief materials and groceries for thousands of families who needed food and other relief goods. The beneficiaries mostly included families affected residents of Barangay Concepcion, Marikina, which saw 80 percent underwater. SM Super Malls president Annie Garcia said all SM Super Malls wherever possible will have drop off points for donations of relief goods at the SM Cares program.

Smart lotto winner uses 'delaying tactic'

By Jaymee T. Gamil

A 51 YEAR-OLD cashier from Tondo, Manila, took his sweet time to get hold of the P62.2 million jackpot in the July 23 MegaLotto 6/45 draws.

The man went to claim his prize at the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) headquarters in Pasay City only on Friday or 12 days later.

Asked by PCSO board Member Sen. Jose Ferdinand Rojas why it took him so long to collect his winnings, he answered with a grin: "Para sa 42nd monthsary ng mga kapitbahay ko, at (for my neighbors month-sary)."

According to Rojas, the soldier came up with the winning combination 29-27-04-12-07-23 based on his father's death anniversary and the birthdays of his loved ones.

It actually took five days before he learned he was one of the two jackpot winners, after he saw the winning numbers posted at the lotto outlet near his home where he had bought a ticket for P50.

Rojas said the man, married with kids, had been battling on the national lottery for 10 years and would use the money to renovate his small house, open his own wedding shop, and fund his two children's education.

Part of his P62 million winnings will also be donated to a church, the PCSO official said, quoting the winner.

The other lucky farmer, who hailed from Cavite province, claimed the other half of the jackpot three days after the draw.

Floods show 'sad truth' about BPOs

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business bigwigs, too."

"During the onslaught of massive floods in the country caused by torrential rains, a sad truth about the industry was exposed to the public," it stressed.

The group, however, condemned management for allowing employees to skip work and take emergency leaves without having to face sanctions.

"Some employees who were already at work were given the option to clap. They were not penalized while others stopped [as] their company president or line chop can communicate with their families and attend to emergency situations. They were assured of their welfare and safety while inside their offices, given free food and accommodation since travel is no longer possible," IBPAP said.

Reached by the Inquirer on phone, one of the sources of the statement declined to make their identities public. "We might get fired," one of them said.

Interviews conducted by the paper with some BPO employees echoed similar feelings of resentment.

"We feel bad," said a female agent working for company located on Quezon Avenue, Quezon City. "They should have considered our safety. Other companies did. Most chose safety rather than the pressure pay."

"There was no call or cicycle willing to take me through the flooded streets," said the woman, who lives in Cubao.

She said she along with many others did not make it to work that day, and expressed pity on coworkers who had to take additional load because of their absence.

"The next day we were allowed to file our absences as vacation leave. But it wasn't mandatory and we had to notify the administration or we will be sanctioned," she added. "Some employees in another department were really forced to go to work."

Proof of flood

The company, she said, gave a 30-percent premium pay to those who made it in the office and provided them with food for the day.

Claudia Sarino, a BPO employee working in Makati City, said employees in her company who skipped work due to the rains were asked by their supervisors to show photos of their flooded houses and car-to-videos as proof of the situation before they would be urged to prove they were indeed affected by the calamity.

Sarino also said those who failed to report to work on Tuesday and Wednesday were to be marked absent and would suffer deductions in their leave credits.

Sarino said she was not able to go to work on those two days because her house in Taytay was flooded. "But I was forced to report on Thursday for fear of sanction."

Earlier that day crowded in the flood, self-styled agent "Mary" decided to spend the night at her company's sleeping quarters on Tuesday morning after her night shift ended.

But later in the day, despite a government order cancelling work in private firms, "my supervisor texted me that it was to be business as usual for us. We could stay in the sleeping quarters to rest and use would be given food."

"We were told, given a two-piece Chicharon per meal, though it wasn't enough," Mary said with a chuckle.

Mary said her call-center coworkers had an American company. "We are a foreign company which did not originate from the Philippines. Also, the firm will have to pay a fine to our client should I have to work stoppage."

Mayor Villa of Cainta, Rizal, recalled that to get to his call center company in Marikina City on Tuesday, he left his house at about 1:30 a.m., "and hasn't got to the seat of his chair. He took a journey that had to pass through knee-deep floods.

"I reached the office at 3:45 a.m. when it used to take me only a few minutes to get there," Villa said.

Options

A Makati resident who works as a trainer at a BPO company in Taguig City said "we were given the option to go to work or to stay at home. Those who stayed at home weren't docked of any absences in their payroll. Those who came to work were given holiday pay or received a one-day vacation leave credit.

The trainer went to work despite the bad weather "My mantra[?] Sacked, eh! I just decided to go. I know a lot of people wouldn't be able to go to work. More than half were absent. So I went to help the company which badly needed manpower that day," he said.

Still, he was frank about what he thought of BPOs which refused to cancel work despite the calamity: "They suck. That's just sad."

'200-percent pay'

The Business Process Outsourcing Association of the Philippines (BPAP) reiterated over the weekend that its member firms gave premium pay and transportation assistance to workers last week and did not force them to work.

"We asked BPO members of BPAP how they communicated the situation with their employees and none of the communication materials sounded like they forced employees. Almost all provided shuttles to ensure employee safety," BPAP executive director Gracey Isaacson-Almeda said.

According to Marciel, not all BPOs opened shop on Aug. 7, when classes and work in most government offices were suspended due to widespread flooding in Metro Manila and surrounding areas in storm.

Marciel said Convergys Corp., for example, gave a "200-percent pay" that day which was more than the "30 percent of basic pay" mandated by law.

The 85-employee BPO firm Switchvoice Global Services invited the day as a holiday, "not even charging it to accrued leaves," she added.

Marciel explained that BPAP sought a clarification from the government regarding the suspension of work on Aug. 7.

"We asked the government and BPOs may ask employees to report for work as long as two conditions are met: the employer can guarantee their safety and premium pay will be given, she said.

In a statement, BPAP stressed that it was "important for BPO companies to be guided by standard practices in the industry that ensure the welfare of their employees."

The group urged BPO employees "to share their thoughts on what transpired in their respective BPOs and recommend the correct practices that the national government and BPO companies should uphold."

"We hope that the worst calamity will bring awareness to the plight of BPO employees and serve as a wake-up call for the national government and the BPO companies to ensure the primacy of people lives at all times and at any cost," it said. With Kristine Felisse Mangunay

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China says Bo's wife admits murder, blames breakdown

HEFEI, CHINA—The wife of Chinese politician Bo Xilai, whose downfall rocked the ruling elite, has admitted murdering a British businessman and blamed her actions on a mental breakdown, state media said.

Gu Kailai told her trial that she poisoned Neil Heywood after being pushed over the edge by fears that her son was in danger, Xinhua news agency reported late on Friday, wrapping up a day after the trial wrapped up.

The former top lawyer said she would "accept and calmly face any sentence" handed down by the court in the eastern city of Hefei following the one-time trial, one of the most high-profile in recent Chinese history.

The verdict will be delivered at a later date, possibly days or weeks away, and while murder can win the death penalty in China, experts say Gu is likely to be spared execution and will instead face a lengthy term.

Heywood's murder and allegations of a coverup sparked the biggest political scandal in China for years and led to the downfall of Bo, who had been tipped to become one of the nine ruling Communist Party's top leaders.

It exposed deep divisions among China's rulers ahead of a sensitive 10-yearly handover of power later this year, and officials say the party is keen to audibly draw a line under the controversy.

According to Xinhua, Gu told the court that "during those days last November, I suffered a mental breakdown after learning that my son was in jeopardy."

The son, Bo Guagua, and Heywood got into a dispute over a land project, Xinhua said, citing Gu's testimony.

The court heard that Heywood had demanded 13 million pounds ($21 million), and was in Guagua's apartment in Chongqing "you will be destroyed," according to a source who was in the room for the hearing and requested anonymity.

According to Gu's testimony, she felt that "I must fight in my way to stop the craziness of Neil Heywood."

Gu then met Heywood for a drink in a hotel room in the southwestern city of Chongqing, where her husband was at the time Communist Party boss, according to Xinhua.

She then killed him by pouring poison into his mouth after he was drunk, it said, and staged the scene for the roughly hour Baby Dee and the Snakebreathers, were in the other direction. She and Jorge Maroda, 43, a librarian and guitar tutor for the group, went to a justice of the peace one Friday in April 2011.

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US finalizes Facebook privacy-violation settlement

NEW YORK—The Federal Trade Commission voted on Friday to finalize its settlement with Facebook, resolving charges that the social network exposed details about users' lives without getting the required legal consent.

Facebook Inc. agreed to submit to government audits of its privacy practices every other year for the next two decades. The company also committed to getting explicit approval from users before changing the types of content it makes public.

The settlement, announced in November, is similar to agreements the FTC reached separately with Google Inc. and Myspace.

The FTC approved the settlement on Friday after a public comment period. It came a day after the FTC fined Google $22.5 million to resolve allegations that Google didn't comply with the earlier settlement.

Facebook didn't admit any wrongdoing in the settlement, though CEO Mark Zuckerberg conceded in November that the company had made "high-profile mistakes" on privacy over the years.

Both Facebook and Google have vast amounts of data on their users. Facebook, through the things people share on the site, and Google through the searches and other things people do. Such information is valuable because it can be used to improve the lucrative targeted advertising pitches that both companies aim at users.

Over the years, Facebook has been pushing users to voluntary share more about themselves. That ultimately encourages users and their friends to spend more time on the site, which in turn allows Facebook to sell more ads.

Much of the FTC's complaint against Facebook centers on a series of changes that the company made to its privacy controls in late 2009. The revisions automatically shared information and photos about Facebook users, even if they previously programmed their privacy settings to shield the content. Among other things, people's profile pictures, lists of online friends and political views were suddenly available for the world to see, the FTC alleged. AP

GU KAILAI (left) and husband, former Chinese Commerce Minister Bo Xilai, in 2007 photo

Zakaria suspended for copying writer's work

NEW YORK—Time editor at large and CNN host Fareed Zakaria has been suspended by both the magazine and the network for lifting several paragraphs by another writer for his article in the current Time column.

Zakaria apologized on Friday, declining to a statement he made "a terrible mistake."

In a separate statement, Time spokesperson Ann Zulinksi said the magazine accepts Zakaria's apology, but would suspend his column for one month, "pending further review."

Shortly afterward, CNN said it had removed from the network's website a blog post that "reflects the standards of our newspaper," and it takes Zakaria off the air indefinitely.

"CNN has suspended Fareed Zakaria while this matter is under review," said CNN spokesperson Jennifer Dargan. She said Zakaria's Sunday foreign-affairs program, "GPS," will have its time slots filled in the interim by "Best Money with Ali Velshi" and "The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer."

Earlier Friday media reporters had called attention to similarities between passages in Zakaria's column about gun control that appeared in Time's Aug. 20 issue, and paragraphs from an article on the same subject by Harvard University history professor Jill Lepore published in April in The New Yorker magazine.

In Zakaria's column, titled "The Case for Gun Control," he began one paragraph with the sentence: "Adam Winkler, a professor of constitutional law at UCLA, documents the actual history in 'Gunfight: The Battle over the Right to Bear Arms in America.'" Lepore's piece hews regularized in the United States from the earliest years of the Republic."

In a corresponding passage in Lepore's New Yorker essay, titled "Battleground America," begins: "As Adam Winkler, a constitutional law scholar at UCLA, demonstrates in a remarkably nuanced new book, 'Gunfight: The Battle Over the Right to Bear Arms in America,' firearms have been regulated in the United States from the start." AP

ZAKARIA accepting a Peabody award for the work done on his television news program. AFP/FILE

Smaller, cheaper: US couples reinvent wedding

By Helaine Olen

FOR THE Philippine's first wedding took place in 2000. It was elaborate, so much so that she estimated that her in-laws spent several thousand dollars on flowers alone. The total bill, she said, lasted less than a year.

So when she time came to do it again, Phillips, 47, a former restaurant owner, spoke of "Today's Jobs Joint Resolution Conference" and had singer in the rockabilly band Baby Dee and the Snakebreathers, went in the other direction. She and Jorge Maroda, 43, a librarian and guitar tutor for the group, went to a justice of the peace one Friday in April 2011.

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1ST IN TAIWAN! Yao Ya-ling (left) and her partner Hsiang Hui-jye get married in the first Taiwan same-sex Buddhist ceremonial wedding. Taiwan still does not legally recognize same-sex marriage. AFP

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Obama, Romney intensify negative campaign

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney have rolled out new assaults that move the already fiercely negative battle for the White House even deeper into a blistering cycle of damage and counterdamage.

Romney's latest salvo—an ad that claims Obama "axed his healthcare plan to declare war on religion, forcing religious institutions to go against their faith."

Obama is taking in a new television spot, "Did Romney pay 13 percent in taxes? Her parents? Zero? We don't know."

Attacks like those fostered by the candidates' campaign operations are compounded by vast spending by so-called Super PACs, Political Action committees. Those powerful organizations, aligned with but disallowed by law from coordinating actions with the candidates, are allowed to raise and spend unlimited money in the campaign.

The conservative-dominated US Supreme Court ruled in 2010 that such organizations are covered by the Constitution's First Amendment free speech rights, overturning long-standing precedent that barred corporations and unions from such activity.

The committees backing Romney have dramatically outraised those supporting the president.

Polls show the struggling US economy remains the chief concern of voters in the November presidential election, which is forecast to be settled by a margin of just a few percentage points.

Given that, Romney had been hammering Obama over the sluggish economic recovery from the Great Recession, declaring the president inept and out of his depth.

Obama had zealously countered that Romney was a heartless, largely wealthy businessman who cares little for the floundering middle class.

Now Romney, apparently sensing biggest orchestrators for his candidacy among the most deeply conservative segments of the Republican party, is broadening his attacks on Obama, painting him as a danger to Christian values.

The assault is an attempt to reopen a wound created over Obama's healthcare overhaul and its directive on a woman's reproductive health coverage.

Religious objections arose over the administration's ruling that most employers, including faith-affiliated hospitals and nonprofits...but not churches... will have to provide health insurance that includes birth control as a preventive service covered free of charge. Catholic bishops have been fiercely lobbying against the rule. Obama promised to change the requirement so that insurance companies and not faith-affiliated employers would pay for the coverage. But details have not been worked out.

Liz Smith, an Obama campaign spokesperson, said in a statement that the president believes "women should have access to free contraception as part of their health insurance and he has done so in a way that respects religious liberty."

The Romney ad does not name the specific policy on birth control or any others, but instead repeats the broad claim by Obama critics that the administration aims to restrict religious freedom overall. AP

Drug ring's expansion to Europe is thwarted

MADRID—Spanish police working with the FBI have halted an attempt by a major Mexican drug smuggling and distribution ring to establish a European operation, authorities said on Friday. Four suspected Sinaloa cartel members, including an alleged cousin of the group's notorious leader, have been arrested in Madrid.

The Interior Ministry said the cartel wanted to make Spain a gateway for operations in Europe, even carrying out test runs using kidnapping containers without drugs. But investigators managed to monitor many of the group's activities and intercepted a container carrying 372 kilos (822 pounds) of cocaine in late July before moving in to make the arrests.

The ministry statement said Jesus Gutierrez Guzman, Rafael Heredero Urango Valenzuela, Samuel Zazueta Valenzuela and Jesus Gonzalo Salazarales Amezcua appeared near their hotels in the Spanish capital. The statement did not say precisely when the arrests were made, and ministry officials reached by phone could not immediately give exact details of the dates.

The investigation was initiated by the Boston office of the DEA's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force in 2009, said Greg Comoroski, a spokesperson for the Boston DEA. Comoroski said the FBI later worked with the Spanish national police. AP

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Tigers tackle Warriors; Archers, Falcons clash

By Jaymiko W. Paya

UNIVERSITY of Santo Tomas coach Pido Jarencio doesn't mind if his Tigers go through another thriller as long as they survive in the UAAP men's basketball tournament today.

The Tigers, aiming off a double-overtime escape, hope to pick up a fourth straight victory against the winless University of the Visayas Warriors at 4 p.m. in the league tourneys with a doubleheader at Araneta Coliseum.

Lo Salle and Ackerman, both aiming to snap out of a losing spell, kick off the action at 2 p.m. a week after the league rounded two playdates due to inclement weather.

"Our three wins were all clutched in the endgame," said Jarencio. "I think it's good because it shows our team doesn't give up."

The Tigers survived a double-overtime thriller against La Salle, 84-82, last week when Ajdm Mariano came through in every crucial stretch.

Before that, the Tigers also pulled off comebacks behind stream against four-time champion Ateneo (71-70) and National University (77-71).

Another win will give the Tigers sole third behind Ateneo and Far Eastern University the Realtio last season who share the top spot at 5-2.

"We want to stay close behind the leaders," said Jarencio, who's also relying on Jeric Teng, Clark Bautista, Aldin Ayenida and Karim Abdul.

The Green Archers, meanwhile, try to unveil a three-game skid with CA Revilla, Jeron Teng and Norbert Torres after scrimmaging 2-0 start.

But the Falcons, already struggling with a 1-5 record, face a bigger problem as team man Alex Nuyles is out for the rest of the season due to injury.

Reyles—a Mythical Team member last year who averaged 15.3 points, 5.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists—dislocated his right shoulder during the Falcons' 82-77 loss to National University last Sunday.

Ackerman coach Leo Austria, though, remains optimistic.

"We know what Alex brings to the team, but we expect those filling his position to step up," said Austria.

MANILA Big League champs with manager and Manila Little League president Rafael "Oxi" Barrameda and coach Ana Santiago.

Same PBA format on tap next season

By Mussing R. Castillo

MACAE—The Philippine Basketball Association will not meddle with a winning formula and gave the coming season's Governor's Cup a little breathing to keep the momentum of a record-breaking year.

There will still be two import-spiced conferences to follow the Philippine Cup with the league retaining the height limits of reinforcements, confirmed the Commissioner's Cup and set a 6-foot-5 for the Governors' Cup.

The tweaking will happen in the Governors' Cup where a more interesting playoff round will be played compared to the last edition which proved to be the most boring part of the entire year.

From six teams advancing to a single round in the semifinals, this season's Governors' Cup will have eight squads marching to the playoffs, the first round of which will be five quarterfinals where No. 1 clashes with No. 8, No. 2 with No. 7 and so on, with the higher ranked teams needing to win just once.

Those making it to the Final four will forsake it out a la best-of-five series with the survivors of No. 1 vs No. 8 and No. 4 and No. 5 clashing and the winners in the No. 2 and No. 7 and No. 3 and No. 6 squaring off.

The rule seems, as usual, will be a sure-to-lose affair.

"The event conferences was the problem," commissioner Chito Salud said, adding that the league still looks all-running towards no lie as game occupies were removed.

"We are looking at holding the playoffs (of the Governors' Cup) everyday as a treat to the fans," he added.

The league pressed slightly over P116 million last season and could have done a lot better had it not been for several no-hearing games in the semifinals of the Governors' Cup.

Daily games were first effected during the playoffs of the Philippine Cup won by Talk 'N' Text, and in the Final four of the Commissioner's Cup ruled by B-Meg in every pulsating contests over the Tropang Texters.

Of course, the seven games that were played in the Rain or Shine 8-wing title series in the Governors' Cup helped as star stills, but it was clear that the bottom line was affected by the conference's semifinals.

Heartbreak finally ends for 2 Bacolod softbelles

By Cockell P. Tupas

LOS ANGELES—Michelle Lemiga and Charmaine Joy Orbe—stalwarts of last week's storied Big League Softball World Series champ—one Manila—are no strangers to heartbreaks...even before the start of tournament.

Twice, the two players endured the pain of not being able to compete in the World Series because of lack of funds and were informed about them only at the last minute.

There were close calls, too, when their teams only managed to leave for tournaments on the eleventh hour, passing up on a day before the opening and playing through jetlag.

"Of course, we would cry when we're told that we couldn't go (and compete)," Lemiga, a Bacolod native, who started seeing action in the Women's Division at the Little League 151-152 level eight years ago, said of the heavens blow.

"It's disappointing, but we always try to overcome and," said Orbe, who was a classmate of Lemiga at the Education Training Center School in Bacolod, which has served as a breeding ground of future softball stars at the collegiate level.

Those painful experiences have served as a motivation for Lemiga, Orbe and the rest of Team Manila, which finally ended a string of heartbreaks Thursday when they bagged the 16-16 division title at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The Manila softbelles opened their campaign with two straight losses, but rallied mightily to win six straight games and clinch their place in the title match, where they overpowered Simonbrunner, California, 11-2.

Lemiga was the last hitter of the tournament with a batting average just a shade under .700, while Orbe proved solid as a catcher and also contributed crucial hits in the final.

With the World Series appearance between them, Lemiga and Orbe are one of the most experienced players in the squad of coach Ana Santiago.

Rhea Bernardino, last in the pitching order for Manila three years ago, was sure first choice on the mound and her experience came in handy just like Lemiga and Orbe's familiarity of opponents.

While Manila played in the finals three times in the last four years, Malabon's was just making its first championship wins.

"We see some familiar faces as we know how some of them play," said Orbe, who like the rest of the delegation are in Los Angeles.

PBA Commissioner Chito Salud (second from left), with (from left) incoming PBA board member-at-large Ramon Ang and outgoing chair Rafael "Boy" Alunan III, Barangay Ginebra's best TNT's VP and COO Bobby Barretto, who leads the results on the league's target in the 10th Season after the board meeting in Macau.

Wednesday in the Lenten.

Barretto would need at least seven wins to be able to participate in the Kings' starting with the Philippine Cup on Sept. 23.

Salud said he had no qualms over the process of Sultan 900 before making his recommendation to the board, though he admitted that he was taught that they "think that Sultan 900 has the capacity to move a PBA team."

If accepted, the board has to rule on some concessions figures has requested, including getting the first overall draftee in the rookie draft scheduled Sunday.

"Rosemale has a solid lineup and they can be competitive," Salud said.

If Romero doesn't get the services some value on Friday, Salud said that Texas' top overall draft hopeful will apply for a leave of absence, "but after the season that passed, we would agree to play with just nine teams."

Sultan 900 decision up Friday

By Mussing R. Castillo

MACAE—While the skyrocketing monsoon rains in Manila delaying even the arrival of important dignitaries in the side of Coca-Cola's PBA franchisee in Sultan 900 Capital, Inc., the board will decide on the fate of the league's newest member on the Friday at the earliest.

The Office of the Commissioner has yet to receive the deed of assignment of the sale of the Coca-Cola franchise, leaving the league no choice but to defer voting on the application of Sultan 900 as the newest member.

"That's the most important document of all," said commissioner Chito Salud, who met the press together with newly elected chair Robert Non of Barangay Ginebra and vice chair Mon Segismundo of Meralco.

Milton Romero, the basketball executive who brought the franchise to Coca-Cola franchise, had told Salud in an overseas call that the DOS will be handed over to the league's offices by

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1. The Commonwealth of the Philippines (GOP) has received a Loan from the World Bank towards the cost of Second Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of Loan to payments under the contract for Procurement of Various Medical Equipment.
2. The Department of Health (DOH) now invites bids for Procurement of Various Medical Equipment. Delivery of the Goods is required within thirty (30) days upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Bidders should have completed, within two (2) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.
3. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with relevant procedures for open competitive bidding as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act", with some modifications specified in these Bidding Documents and in specific of Bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the applicable procurement guidelines of the World Bank. The contract shall be awarded to the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during post-qualification. The Estimated Project Cost (EPC) is Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Philippine Pesos (₱4,900,000.00).

Item No.	Description	Qty.	Unit	EPC (PhP)
1	Portable Ultrasound Machine	20	unit	4,000,000.00
2	Portable Multi-Gas Analyzer w/ Sampling Hose Kit	01	unit	600,000.00
3	Carotid Examination Model	02	unit	300,000.00

4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from COSAC Secretariat at the Ground Floor, Bldg. 6, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on **August 13 to September 12, 2012** from the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of One Thousand Philippine Pesos (PhP1,000.00).

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that Bidders shall pay the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

Bidders who downloaded and paid for the previous bidding document will be given the updated version Free-of-Charge.

6. The CSAH will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **August 20, 2012, 10:00a.m.** at COSAC Conference Room at the Ground Floor, Bldg. 6, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila which shall be open to all interested parties.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address above on or **September 12, 2012, 10:00a.m.** All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the following forms:

Form of Bid Security	Amount of Bid Security (Equal to Percentage of the ABC)
(a) Cash or cashier's/manager's check issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank.	Two percent (2%)
(b) Bank draft/guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit issued by a Universal or Commercial Bank. Provided, however, that it shall be confirmed or authenticated by a Universal or Commercial Bank, if issued by a foreign bank.	
(c) Surety bond callable upon demand issued by a surety or insurance company duly certified by the Insurance Commission as authorized to issue such security.	Five percent (5%)
(d) Any combination of the foregoing.	Proportionate to share of form with respect to total amount of security

Bid opening shall be **September 12, 2012, 10:00a.m.** at COSAC Conference Room at the Ground Floor, Bldg. 6, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.

8. The DOH reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
9. For further information, please refer to:

COSAC Secretariat
Department of Health
San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue,
Sta. Cruz, Manila
Tel. Nos. 651-7800 local 1625 to 1627; 1560 to 63
Facsimile No.: 741-6776

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Undersecretary of Health
COSAC Chairperson

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INVITATION TO RE-BID

The Dr. Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital Central Bids and Awards Committee, duly constituted pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, hereby invites prospective bidders for the following Procurement Activities (PCA):

Name of Contract	Description of Delivery Units for NARCHC Data Training Center and Medical Equipment (Lot 1 - Ultrasound Equipment and Lot 2 - Ultrasound Equipment Laboratory Materials (LEM))
Approved Budget	₱ 4,900,000.00
Source of Funds	DOH - Loan Proceeds
Delivery Period	30 calendar days
Location	Dr. Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital, Lope de Vega St., Sta. Cruz, Manila
Funding Source	World Bank

Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB license, appropriate to the contract being completed, a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the Approved Budget, sufficient financial and equipment available for the procurement of this contract. The Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall submit to the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) the following documentary requirements in the Eligibility Check/Screening as set out in the Philippine Bidding Documents: (a) Valid PCAB License and Mayor's/Business permit of the current year/renewal.

Schedule of Activities:

Issuance of Bidding Documents	August 10 - 30, (up to September 12, 2012)
Pre-Bid Conference	August 21, 2012 @ 2:00pm
Bid Opening	Venue: School of Midwifery, Room August 30, 2012 @ 9:00am Venue: School of Midwifery, Room

Bid documents must be secured by the BAC Secretariat. Administrative Office upon submission of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of ₱ 5,000.00 to the Cashier's Office. Only those who have purchased the documents shall be allowed to participate in the pre-bid conference. For details, please contact telephone numbers: 743-0101 loc. 2146; Fax: 7743-0101 loc. 2146.

All particulars relative to eligibility, bid security, performance security, pre-bid conference, opening of bids, evaluation and qualification and associated fee governed by the pertinent provisions of RA 9184 and its implementing rules and regulations.

The DMMH-Hospital reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any defect therein and to accept such bid as may be considered advantageous to the government.

The DMMH-BAC assumes no obligation to compensate in whatever way the bidders for any expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of bids nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) RUTH A. SANTOS
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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Provincial Government of Quezon
Tahas con. Magsaysaysay St., Diliman,
Quezon City

SUPPLEMENTAL/BID BULLETIN
No. 1

Announcement to the Bidding Documents for the Rehabilitation and Improvement of Road Networks, Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig City under ID-758 No. 2012-01 (i) & (ii) for 100cm:

- Bidders should possess a valid PCAB License with Size Range of at least Medium A.
- Another Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on August 16, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. CSSC Conference Room, 5th fl. Quezon Office.
- Bid Opening is re-scheduled on August 28, 30 Oct 6:30 a.m. CSSC Conference Room, OLG, Central Office.

This Supplemental Bid Bulletin No. 1 is issued to modify or amend items in the Bidding Documents. This shall form an integral part of the Bidding Documents.

For the guidance and information of all concerned.

(Sgd.) GREG SANTOS A. PANGONG
BAC Chairman

Baby Tams notch win 5

FAR EASTERN University-Diliman stayed unbeaten in juniors basketball while Mapua got its back on track with a big going to coach Jacinto Jamero of the UAAP in separate venues yesterday.

John Pinpoy, last season's MVP fired 16 points and dished out six assists as the Baby Tamaraws overwhelmed the University of the Philippines squad, 78-46, to extend their perfect run to five games in a lone juniors match in the Fil-oil Flying V Center.

The Baby Tamaraws, who also drew double-digit contributions from Joel Lee Po, Ivan DeBlando and Jose Domingo, joined defending champion National University (5-0) on top.

In basketeers, reigning MVP Toby Gadi powered the Blue Eagles past La Salle, 3-2, at the start of men's action at Ninal Memorial Basketball Hall.

Gadi clinched the first singles with a 21-16, 21-5 triumph over JC Clarito, before teaming up with Patrick Natividad in the second double. Ties to secure Ateneo's victory, 21-19, 21-9, over Jan Daniel Chavez.

Natividad also won the second singles for the Blue Eagles with a 21-16, 20-17 decision over Lance Bermejo, 21-14, 21-17.

Last year's runner-up National started its own bid with a 4-1 drubbing of fifth behind Jan Jopet Bermejo.

Ateneo downed Wilfredo Amoroso Jr., 21-11, 21-19, in singles and also swept one set, coupled with Andre Bebel, 21-16, 21-12, against Joel Christian Mendez and Gualando Nino Inquin.

Jazmine M. Ryco

ICTSI-JGFP golf blasts off today

THIRTY-NINE(39) fifty players representing 21 schools are taking part in 2012 ICTSI-JGFP inter-schools golf tournament, a series of competitions to be played starting today to two of the six host venues.

Hostilities in the Midgets 2 and the Girls 2 categories this off at the Capitol Hills Golf & Country Club and Alpinaldo's Golf Club, respectively, after the opening ceremonies and parade of schools at the Capitol grounds.

Participants include Manila's St. Mantia Assumption College, Bayanan International, Brent International, Dela Salle Montessori, College San Agustin, College of St. Benilde, Community of Learners, De La Salle Antipolo, De La Salle Taft, Harvest Christian, Hope Christian, Immaculate Conception Academy and International School.

PGA: Tiger shares lead at wind-swept The Ocean

KIAWAH ISLAND, South Carolina—On the toughest scoring day in the PGA Championship since it switched to stroke play in 1958, Tiger Woods shot a 3-under 67 on Friday to take share of the lead with Vijay Singh and Carl Pettersson going into the weekend.

In a tournament void that began a century ago never looked better in this championship. Shots were more routine in the '90s...two of them by club pros... than in the '00s. More than 30 players failed to break 80, including Richie Ramsay, Matt Kuchar and Hunter Mahan.

"It was tough out there...error," Woods said.

Singh, a three-time major champion who hasn't won in nearly four years, joined Woods and Pettersson at 1-under 140. He scratched out five birdies in a remarkable round of 3-under 69. Only three other players managed to break par in the second round—Richard Green of Northern Ireland at 71, and Woods, Phil Mickelson and Ian Poulter at 71.

It's the second time this year that Woods has had a share of the lead in a major going into the weekend. He missed one chance at Olympic Club in the US Open, when he stumbled to a 75-73 to tie for 2Os. He was in the penultimate group at the British Open until a triple bogey on the ninth hole of the final round took him out of the mix.

Six players were atop the leaderboard on this day's carnival. Singh was the first to post at 1-under 140, and it seemed all he'd to match for a while as the wind never let up on The Ocean Course.

Is Pacman unhappy with Arum?

ONCE THE name-day than Top Rank promoter Bob Arum was expected to arrive in Manila to meet with Manny Pacquiao...the Pacman suddenly left for his hometown General Santos.

Hearing the rules and Boxers of Marco Manila, the team flew from the United States to discuss with Pacquiao his next fight which was tentatively scheduled this Nov 10.

IN HUDDLE

Ruth Cela

Arum was accompanied by Steven Lerne.

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"It's just like Pacquiao is do something an inconsistent in chat," commented a colleagues during a press conference for Jolomid Gustavo, who had just returned from a successful defense of his IBF light flyweight title against the erstwhile undefeated Pedro Guevara of Mexico.

"Arum is #1 guess still, he had no fly Commando of rules to meet with him, and Pacquiao doesn't even think of all the trouble his promoter has gone through just to see him."

"If Arum wanted to pursue the meeting, Pacquiao and Arum would have to fly to London," my colleagues added.

It was unclear then if Arum would fly to London or just take a flight back home.

Min the night division would down pieces playing hard to get or was he deliberately avoiding a meeting with Arum? But who?

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The first thought that came to my mind was that the Pacman probably had a chip on his shoulder, that maybe after having a longer interval to think of after getting conflicting feedbacks, he wanted or marvel to inquire that Arum was part of the conspiracy to defraud him of a victory against Timothy Bradley last June 9. After all, Arum was also the promoter of the younger Bradley and joining his chips on him would expose him a bigger and more powerful business interest.

When I compared notes with the other boxing scribes, I found out that two of them had similar thoughts.

However, one of them said that there was probably no malice when Manny decided to fly to General Santos after getting an earlier appointment with his promoter.

"You know how Manny is, he's just like that. He acts on impulse. He seldom has an appointment and has no regard for time, Angkatan Jing Ili just so happened that he had to attend an important family affair."

But the scribe admitted that Manny could have been awaiting the meeting with Arum because he was no longer interested in fighting any of Arum's proposed opponents—Bradley, Juan Manuel Marquez and Miguel Cotto.

"Manny wants to fight Floyd Mayweather Jr., but The Money has pronounced that this will only happen if Arum is one part of it. Perhaps his not being in Manila when Arum arrived was a flyer way towards this direction," said this scribe who has covered majority of the quixo's fight.

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Last Friday, Bob and Lovee Arum flew to Orolino where they had only a one-day proposal. As reported, they presented the postal for pound king title, three possible opponents: Bradley, Marquez and Cotto.

Pacquiao said he would decide in a week's time.

The Arums are expected to fly back home this weekend with the identity of Pacquiao's November opponent still unknown.

Otto scribe at the Coolseum pressroom said Pacquiao is willing to wait as long as it's clear that he's seeking for

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"Did you read that story on him (Mayweather) in Sports Illustrated? It was the very first feature on him after he was released from prison. The writer said, 'When was a very interesting quote," he added.

"Pacquiao is an unbelievable boxer. Hopefully we would under the fight happen in the future," Hanwecather was quoted in the article.

"He who is Floyd suddenly singing a different tune," Pacquiao's scribe remarked.

After all, Pacquiao's other Mitchell fitness has hinted that there are certain matters that they have kept from the press.

I told the scribe we probably would know in a week's time.

Salvador romps away with title

Lascuña six strokes behind

CEBU—Elmer Salvador mounted just on every par 5 for a number of easy birdies to steer veteran Lascuña to the Abenix International championship presented by RCBL at the challenging Cebu Country Club here yesterday.

After losing his overnight one-shot lead on the second hole, Salvador rebounded with a two-stroke swing on No. 5 and raised on top for good as Lascuña struggled with a double bogey 7 to fire seventh leg of the Asian Development Tour sponsored by Abenix Equity Ventures Inc.

Salvador wrecking-ball with an eight-under 276 total anchored by a fiery 65 in the third round and put away with the top $11,375 purse. Lascuña (#27 points) ran up the total par of $45,000 in nailing his first international victory after two near misses on the Asian Tour.

Lascuña picked up $7,475 after finishing with a 283 total highlighted by a 66 Friday.

Mars Ducay and Elmer Salvador carded 72s and shared third place at 288 worth $4,000 for each while Korean Jin Ki Jeon shot a 69 for a 289 and emerged top finisher among a slew of foreign bets in the event par-up to Internationals Coolsaber Thailand Invitational list.

Jay Bayron, back-to-back winner of this event, withdrew from action after a bogey-bogey of the #271, netted for 1065 with a 70 in a tie with Richard Bathergo, who also had a 70, for 287.

Rookie Clyde Mondilla shot the day's best of four-under 67 to snatch solo eighth at 289 while England's Peter Richardson and Daniel Gaddy tied for 10th at 290 and ninth place at 289 after a 71 and 73, respectively.

Bracing for a shootout, Salvador found the going tough early, dropping a stroke on the par-5 No. 2 and stumbling again to three-bird but he gained a big turn shot strong on No. 5 with a birdie as Lascuña flubbed his par from inches.

Regaining his one-shot lead, Salvador made a couple of crucial par putts in the next five holes then went three up at the turn as Lascuña dropped another stroke on the seventh.

The other hardest of the event, also coming as the ninth leg of the ICTSI PGT, were Dyson Golf, Tilbest, Bradley, Callaway, TaylorMade, Mizuno, Srixon, Nike Golf, Oceanic Clubhouse and Sharp with Balls, Blades 23, Pinoygolfer.com and Inquirer Golf as media partners.

SUPER SALVADOR. Kicker by PHOTO

Rosales fires ace, but misses cut

DUBLIN, Ohio—Jennifer Rosales grabbed a piece of the spotlight by flying a hole-in-one in the second round of the Jamie Farr Toledo Classic Friday but didn't get to enjoy it for long as he missed the cut.

The Filipina shotmaker in the LPGA ended her race with a 4-over card for 179 and 14th hole only to finish with a 75, which combined with her opening 72, left her five strokes off the 36-hole cut at 142.

Chella Choi of South Korea shot a 67 to take the second-round lead in the Jamie Farr Toledo Classic with a 9-under 133 at Inverness Club.

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Del Monte ends S'woods' Luzvimin reign

CAGAYAN DE ORO—Del Monte Golf Club romped off with the Champion Infinity 20th Luzvimin Golf Invitational presented by Pacquiodo owner, via a whopping 20 point win, ending Manila Southwood's four year reign.

Pueblo de Oro Golf and Country Club host on Friday.

Lovelynn Cabiguin matched par 72 worth 34 Malaya points, while Pamela Mariano, Angie Jean Padolina, Eva Maltaca and Sofia Chabon bedded for up with 52, 50, 48 and 46, respectively in Del Monte accumulated a 200 for a 54 hole total of 594 to outclass the field to the premier Diamond division.

The other members of the Del Monte team were Kristine Lenora and Jeanette Bugas.

The Southwoods ladies, with fantastic transport firing 55 points and Lora Roberto adding a 54, made a 243 and settled for runner-up honors with a 733, in the event organized by the Peninsula Golf Association of the Philippines.

Ilea Flores, led by Cristina Rasmussen's 56 and the Gen 49 points, placed third with a 610 after a 218.

Other scores for the former champions in the seven-a-play, five-to-count format event sponsored by Champion Infinity and Pacquiao, were Aranka Gobi (246), Christine Sinidos and Hunter Claire Ong, who both had 45 points; Heather Abiera (42) and Deanna Samaniego (38) didn't count.

Pueblo de Oro-1 came in fourth with a 951 after a 265 followed by Marian (172-100), Pueblo De Oro-2 (160-888) and Orchard (126-375).

Racquiel Awaited the individual crown with a 168, beating Cabiguin (159) by one. Bitituca took third place with a 164.

Southwoods' Gobi bagged the Class A title with a 158, edging Chabon by three. Baguio Highlands' Hody Ina (122) and Jhl Balbarona of Davao City Golf topped Classes B and C, respectively.

SPORTSWATCH

Dela Cruz, Canare stun foes

ARLAN dela Cruz of JVT Racing and Roddy Canare stole the limelight from the favorites in the fourth leg of the 2012 Philippine Scooter Racing Championships over the weekend at Subic International Raceway.

Dela Cruz pulled off a photo finish triumph against JVT Racing teammate Mike Erich Montano in the Philippine Scooter Racing Championships while Canare bounced back in the last race to edge the Philippine Scooter Racing Championships sanctioned by the Motorcycle and Scooters Racing Association and supported by FIM as official flows.

CHAMP International Boxing Federation light flyweight champion Johnriel Casimero (left) presents his belt to TV5 president and CEO Manny Pangilinan at the network's executive offices in Bonifacio Global City.

LGBA stag series Aug. 17

THE "LAZON Eastwood Brandeis Association (LGBA) 4-Stag Derby" series starts Aug. 17 at Pasay City Cricket.

To accommodate all 202 members, the LGBA executive committee has lined up three days of battle for the finishing Aug. 17, 24 and 31. About 80 participants will test their battlestrings on 9-hole, assuring of more than 160 fights, said LGBA president Ronald Plaza.

Other schedules: Sept. 14 and 17 (second leg), Sept. 28 (third leg) and Oct. 1 (fourth leg). Entry fee is P11,000.

Derby screening at LPC today

SOME MINIS of stags, eight to ten months old, will be held today at the Lipa Polo Ground in connection with the "Lipa Polo Anniversary 6-Stag Derby" on Aug. 21, 23 and 26.

Stags owned by breeders or guys affiliated with the National Federation of Equestrian Breeders are also allowed.

The LPC management added a guaranteed prize of P1 million for an entry fee of P10,000. The 3-stag series will be held Aug. 21 and 23.

Azkals start buildup vs Chicago Inferno

By Cedell P. Tupas

CHICAGO—The Philippines national football team fields a mix of veterans players and young Turks when it tangles with the Chicago Inferno Saturday at the Joe Seth Stadium inside the Wheaton College campus west of downtown Chicago.

With Aly Borromeo still sidelined by an injury, Chiefly Gallego will skipper the national side against the United States Premier Development League team that tackled only a 0-1 loss to Major League Soccer team Chicago Fire last month.

It will mark the first game for the Azkals since their 1-0 thrashing of Guam in an international friendly at the Paseael Stadium last June 12.

The Azkals have been training in the Windy City since last week and German coach Michael Weiss expects a "highly motivated team ready to put up a good show."

"We've trained considerably to a fantastic environment," said Weiss. "I'm very satisfied with the setup. Now, the players have to realize their responsibility."

Azkals manager Dan Palami said the two matches in the series, including the one against the US Virgin Islands on Aug. 17 in Indianapolis will go a long way in their preparations for the Suzuki Cup later this year.

Ed Sacapano, who saw action in the third place game against Indonesia in the AFC Challenge Cup, will get the start at goalkeeper, while a makeshift defensive line will be composed of Under-23 members Jarvinder Jong, Carlisle Bitoga, Jeff Christiaens and Louis Jalbas.

Lakers acquire Howard

LONDON—All the under Dwight Howard saga would be the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday declared all of the long, drawn-out departure from the Orlando Magic.

It took four teams, 12 players, five draft picks and countless rounds of talks with different clubs to get done, but Howard's move was completed Friday after the NBA reviewed and approved the deal.

The deal

The Lakers' erstwhile otherwise busy at the London Olympics. LA star Kobe Bryant quickly proclaimed that the Lakers are "kicked and tackled to bring back the title." He spoke with Howard on Friday morning, and investigated the pursuit of a gold medal to Lob about how the Lakers look very much like a title contender.

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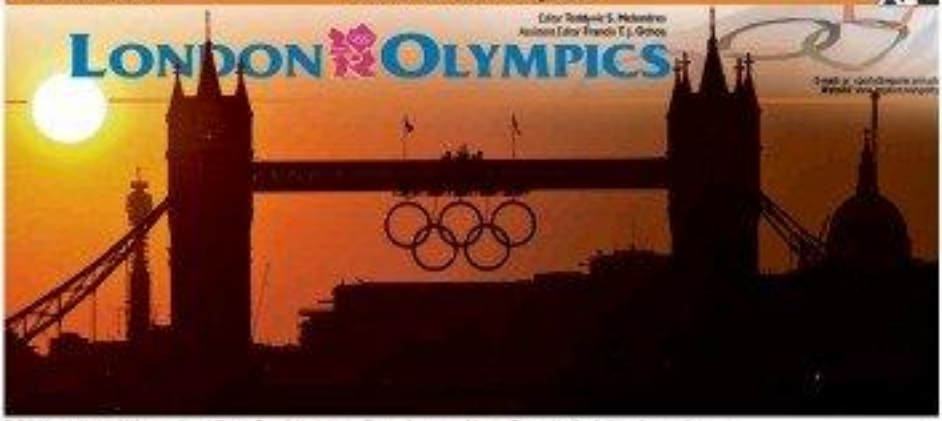

THE SUN sets behind the 2012 London Olympic Rings on Tower Bridge in London. The cauldron will not be lit on the Games, which Brazil will host four years from now. AFP

'GREATEST AFTER-PARTY'

Olympics to end with 'spice'

LONDON—The London Games are set to end in a blazing tribute to British pop and pizzazz, with a closing ceremony that will see stars from the Spice Girls to The Who turn Olympic Stadium into a giant jukebox of musical hits.

Two weeks of sporting drama wrap up Sunday with what music director David Arnold has called "the greatest after-party in the world."

"If the opening ceremony was the wedding, then we're the wedding reception," Arnold told the Daily Telegraph—with everyone from the Pet Shop Boys to Annie Lennox and Rolling Stone Ronnie get people dancing.

Although organizers have tried to the ceremony under wraps, many details have leaked out to the British media—and some of the performers have let the cat out of the bag themselves.

The Who, George Michael, Muse and Ed Sheeran have all said they will take part in a show that will include performances of 30 British hit singles from the past five decades.

Tips and photos have emerged from the rehearsal venue, an old car plant in east London.

The Spice Girls were photographed dancing atop black London taxis, at a rendition of their biggest hit, "Wannabe," seems certain.

JAMAICAN star Usain Bolt has left an indelible mark on the Games with the spectacular way he dominated the track. —

So does an appearance by surviving members of Queen, whose "We Will Rock You" and "We Are the Champions" have been ever-present at the games.

Paul McCartney has already performed at the opening ceremony, but it's inconceivable that there won't be a lot of Beatles music in a tribute to the best of British pop.

Organizers have said they want the ceremony to be a "diverse" reflection of modern Britain, so expect touches of Monty Pythonesque humor—perhaps even Python Eric Idle leading a mass rendition of "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life."

The show won't be short on spectacle. Director Kim Gavin has overseen tours for the band Take That and devised London's 2007 Princess Diana memorial concert.

As with director Danny Boyle's opening ceremony, London is aiming for a plucky, irreverent tone De-mirrored from Beijing's 2008 Olympic chest which was heavy on precision displays of fireworks, acrobatics and dancing.

"It's not anything desperately profound," London games chief Sebastian Coe said. "It's not the opening ceremony but I think it will be great. It's basically a celebration British music over the last few decades. It's fun."

There will also be a section of song and dance created by the semi-Siamese Gamsu boat country, Brazil.

And of course there will be ceremonial elements, including an athletes' march, the raising of the flags of Greece—birthplace of the Olympics—current host Britain and 2016 games host Brazil, speeches and the relinquishing of the Olympic cauldron, marking the handover of the games to Rio.

But the main event will be a mashup of music, dreamy visions and big parade.

The ceremony is just the cherry on top of London's weekend of gold-medal parties.

US champion Michael Phelps—who ended his Olympic career with 22 medals, 18 of them gold—has been spotted in London's Soho nightlife district.

Teammate Ryan Lochte was photographed leaving the Chinawhite nightclub—long a favorite of partying British royalty.

Zara Phillips, granddaughter of Queen Elizabeth II and a member of Britain's silver medal-winning equestrian eventing team, was spotted drinking champagne and dancing shoeless at the club.

Swimmers have not been the only athletes blowing off steam.

Cyclist Bradley Wiggins tweeted pictures of himself celebrating with a drink in front of St. Paul's Cathedral after winning gold on the road race. "Getting wasted," he tweeted. AP

'UKlympics BARKADA Trip' for 6 Pinoys

By Ted S. Melendres

LONDON—They came, they saw, they conquered. (Apologies to Julius Caesar.)

This emblematic, free-spirited "barkada" of six stood out at the crowded entrance to Olympic Park in Stratford a few days ago. For begin with, the banner flag they were waving on their intuitive topped Olympic tee ring false glasses. Or their pompoms. Or their glowing headbands.

In any case, they were hard to miss among the rows of thousands of fans queuing up to buy tickets or admire towering outside the tourist Westfield mall here.

They were unmistakably Filipinos. Mind you, they're not from London or anywhere near the British Isles. Wearing the same kind of T-shirt with "UKlympics BARKADA Trip" emblazoned at the front, the six came all the way from Dubai.

Dana Hinayangan of Inayawan City, Julius Ar. Quiogue of Angeles City, Arlene Lacuesta of Bacnotan, Quezon City, Ivy Rizal Guerra of Cebu City, Monica Perez of Pare, Manila, and Michael Pascua of Lopez, Quezon, were occasion to join in the Olympic party.

"The barkada is here to enjoy the sights of the Olympics," said Perez, the group's leader who works in the business reporting section of BMW Group Middle East in Dubai. She said their plan was to visit as a group and share in paying for their hotel.

Precise expenses for his accountant-friendly barkada include "annual pilgrimage." For the Olympics, they saved cash for months and come up with about P27,000 for the return flight to London. Everything was arranged and paid for through online booking.

"We eat just enough to save money for souvenirs," said a giggling Hinayangan, the newest member of the seven-holiday old barkada.

Claimed in the group's "economy" fares, "We had a lot of meetings and preparation before we left Dubai."

Perez made sure each one had a stock of duralumed itinerary cards for their activities, a card for each day in Britain.

They watched the "Les Miserables" ("Nilgo-going tickets for about P1,500 each"), window-shopped at Harrod's, and made a long trip to Edinburgh, Scotland.

"We are happy to be in the Olympics," said Perez, a human resources of a small firm in Dubai. "Like Michael, it's my dream to travel the world. The Olympics in London is a chance we could not pass."

The Olympics, as they say, are not to be celebrated by the host city alone. They are also for the world. Miss Pascua's studies barkada, to enjoy.

THIS "BARKADA" will never miss a chance to travel the world—especially the Olympics.

PH Olympic medal drought persists

By Ted S. Melendres, Sports Editor

LONDON—**BMX** rider Daniel Caluag's incredibly listless pledge of a fight could well mirror the Philippines' ignominious campaign at the 30th London Olympics here.

Save for boxer Mark Anthony Barriga and, perhaps, Marestella Torres, the 13-athlete national contingent seem to lose the fall of fight but without the weapons to conquer the world.

After all, this is the Olympics, where no Filipino has ever won a gold medal.

The Filipino-American Caluag rounded out the country's second-worst performance ever in the Summer Games by failing to advance past the heats, the same fate that befell everyone else except Barriga in the first of the rounded-robin opposition.

Only the country's showing at the Beijing Olympics four years ago eclipsed those Games in terms of futility, and only because Barriga prevailed in his first-round bout here only to crash out in the second.

Not one Filipino won a fight or made it past the first round in Beijing.

Surprising Asian lifting queens, the first to fall among the Filipinos, got a nasty taste of world-caliber competition and bombed out at the first hurdle.

The 18-year-old finished second to last in his heat's squad of six with a time of 1 minute 52.91 seconds in the 200-meter freestyle and missed up 36th to a field of 40.

The next day Hidilyn Diaz-Sollite (6-in. Mon all three attempts to clean an opening weight of 116 kg in the clean and jerk and followed Lacuna to the exit. It, but bid to improve on her Beijing Games showing in tatters. She earlier lifted 97 kg in the snatch, good for 12th in field of 18 in the 58 kg competition.

Skeet shooter Brian Gonzales shot a paltry 19 in the second of five settings in the drafty, wind-swept range at the Royal Artillery Barracks and was never in contention again in his maiden Olympics.

The businessman from Malolos shot a total of 118 on settings of 22, 19, 23, 22, 22 and wound up 20th in a field of 30. his total a huge 13 birds behind the Olympic-record 223 by American defending champion Vincent Hancock.

In between came archers Rachelle Anne Cabral and Mark Javier's setbacks in the first knockout duels of the 55-man competition while swimmers Jasmine Alkhaldi floundered in her heat of the 100m freestyle.

The 19-year-old daughter of a Saudi Arabian businessman and his Lebanese wife ended up fifth with a time of 57.53 seconds, 21 hundredths of a second off her personal best of 56.92 in finishing 50th in a field of 486.

Cabral gave herself little chance of pulling the rug from under an off-form world No. 8 Aurora Bingsacan of Russia and came to grief at Lord's Cricket Ground in West London. Unused to shooting in a narrow two-bay range banned on three sides by galleries, the 27-year-old from Tagaytay, Cagayan, lowered to Anupamova, 5-7, on match scores of 23-22, 23-19, 23-25, 27-22.

Mayor's duel for bronze with No. 1 Elhan was still on match-to-Arnaiz vaulted No. 1 Elhan Beaty of the United States. The 21-year-old repeat Olympian from Dumaguete City was the sixth Filipino to tumble out of these Games, after losing 1-7 on set scores of 27-29, 25-30, 25-25 and 22-29.

Filipino-Japanese Jackha Tamdelan-Ibrahim stood no chance against the taller South Korean Kim Song-mi on the eighth day of the Games and lost by ippon (full point throw). The 22-year-old son of a Japanese soldier and a Filipina mother from Malolos, Bulacan, was sent packing in one minute and five seconds into their first-round heavyweight (+78 kg) clash.

Then Barriga fell victim to one of the biggest robberies in the highly controversial boxing competition when, at the last count, 12 national coaches have condemned the verdict of round of 19 bouts.

The only 1-loss counterpuncher from Bataan, Bruno del Soto, started the duel and last round with a 2-point lead only to run into a desperate Ibrahim Dukpaya who smothered himself to a raging seventh. A 2-point penalty ensued—and disposably—for ducking, wiped out Barriga's lead and his dream. Olympic run ended in a heart-breaking 18-17 defeat.

Barriga's coaching visit grounded Torres, although it was to the sweetest long jumper's misfortune that she tried in her second Olympics on her off day. Despite a decent qualification leap that was well inside her national record of 6.77m, Torres—perhaps the best prepared among the Filipinos—could do no better than 6.52m.

Complaining of the biting cold on the runway, she missed becoming the first Filipina to make the Olympic long jump semifinals by 16 centimeters, about the size of her track shoes.

Boris Henry may have boosted the chances of making the semifinals ahead of his 1,000m run but his 14 minutes of fame at the vail of his turn at the Olympic Stadium easily made him the most popular among the embattled Filipino here.

The diminutive steeplechase ace from San Jose, Camarine province, who was still on the track long after the winner of the heat, Hayle Ibrahimov of Azerbaijan, had crossed the finish line, held off the (60,000 strong gallery's applause to post a personal best of 13 min. 20 sec. and 14.11 seconds, a huge improvement on his old PB of 13.41.26.

It was up to Caluag then to make a statement and confirm his status as a medal contender in the bicycle motocross event. After a second-to-last placing in the seeding run, the coach-tipped 19-time American crashed out dead last in his first-ever heat (the new subversion, effectively closing the Philippines' Olympic drive on a sensitive note.

That means the cobwebs of frustration that have routed the country's Olympic campaign have taken a new lease. Like a persistent flu, the pain of a medal drought has now persisted through four Summer Games.

WITH Daniel Caluag, failing to match a pre-Games hope, the Philippine team flies back home empty-handed again.

Women's boxing a big hit in London

LONDON—Women's boxing was a big hit in its first Olympics.

A medal got even bigger in Rio.

The debut tournament got rave reviews from fans, boxers and Olympic officials who found the solid-cast crowds, evenly matched bouts and the number of women on the International stage, including Ireland's Katie Taylor, US teenager Clarissa Shields and Britain's Nicola Adams.

IOC President Jacques Rogge says he's thrilled the competition ensured any doubts of the sport's Olympic worthiness. AIBA President Wu Ching-Kuo is determined to at least double the Olympic field for the 2016 Games in Brazil.

And Taylor can't wait to see what happens over the next four years after three first days of history in the London ring.

"Hopefully there are a lot of young girls sitting at home watching this, and they will realize that is what they want to do," said Taylor, who won gold in the lightweight final. "This is amazing for women's boxing."

Fans in an Olympic featuring several milestone achievements for women, the boxing stood out.

Every session at ExCel arena pulsed with excitement, with each of Taylor's three fights earning into a celebration with fans proudly waving flags and wore elaborate gowns and orange outfits to cheer every punch thrown by the Bray boxer, just the sixth gold medalist in Ireland's Olympic history.

The three finish women's boxers got less and receptions, and the fans quickly realized Shields and Russian lightweight Sofya Ochigava were singular athletes as well. Shields, the 17-year-old middleweight with the serious right hand, made new fans and established herself as the future of the women's sport with her three dominant victories on the way to a gold medal.

"I've been to three Olympic Games, six world championships, three Commonwealth Games, and that was the loudest noise I've ever heard in a boxing arena," said Tony Edwards, the former coach of the British team. "The atmosphere was absolutely fantastic."

The novelty of the sport wasn't the only reason for the excitement. Women's boxing can be a fascinating sport, frequently featuring cleaner technique and higher energy than the men's amateur sport, and the 36-elite fighters assembled in London put on a fine city show.

"Everybody is getting to see what we've been seeing for 10 years," said IBA assistant coach Charles Lowerre, whose initial reservations about the women's sport vanished long ago. "You can't have a much better competition than that, and it's only going to get bigger, too."

Rogge attended the gold-medal bouts and swapped pins with the judges.

"It was fantastic. It's a very happy man," Rogge said. "There has been some reluctance of whether women should be boxing, and of their level and technique. Today we have been vindicated."

We, who promoted women's boxing for Olympic inclusion shortly after taking over in 2001, are very much excited about the sport and all boxers' improvement.

"This is the most important moment in the life history," Wu said.

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Sponsorship play big part in Olympic Games

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REGARDLESS publicity whether on television, radio or in the written press, will continue to play an essential role in sports. The sports community as a whole depends on it as do most the survival of the Olympic Movement.

The $456 million American network NBC has paid to acquire the television rights for the Olympic Games is complete proof of this.

In an independent survey conducted by the Sports Message of the IOC to measure the impact of Olympic sponsorship, 66 percent of respondents said that the Olympic Games "would not be viable" without sponsorship, while 82 percent said they favored the Games being sponsored. On a more general basis, 86 percent felt that the Olympics stand for the highest levels of achievement, 83 percent felt the Olympics provide a good model for youngsters, 83 percent said that it is the top sporting event, and 94% said that the Olympics is a symbol of international cooperation.

Sponsorship in all forms gained such major importance that one can only agree with those who call it the primary source of income for sport. The amounts received by top-level athletes is such diverse sport as tennis, car racing, ice hockey, basketball or football—and the list goes on—exceeded the income of the wealthiest businessmen. The founders of Nike, Americans Phillip Knight and Bill Bowerman, who created the sports shoe empire in their garage, were among the few of them lucid to launch a movement that supported specific champions. The heads of other firms did the same, making considerable investments in the highly profitable business in proportion to the popularity of the sports concerned.

Even though the IOC does not allow advertising billboards in the fields of play, sport and publicity have always maintained a fruitful synergy. For example, cycling already constituted a major source of publicity for bicycle manufacturers. At the time, it had become a popular sport owing to the arrival of new techniques developed during the industrial revolution. Little by little, tires replaced wooden wheels, thanks to the imagination of John Boyd Dunlop, the inventor of the pneumatic tire. There are also the wheels of Michelin, created by the that of Edouard Michelin, creator of the first removable bicycle tire in 1891.

The effect of publicity, created by the interest of the Tour de France, held for the first time in 1903, has a decisive influence on this development.

Sports is an extremely risky vehicle for the promotion of ideas, products and myths, and of societies and sometimes also political promotion. It offers frequently almost possibilities for cooperation between the International Olympic Committee, the International Federations, the National Olympic Committees, international organizations such as WHO and UNESCO, and the sporting goods industry.

The reality facing the IOC is the audience was simply that it must seek or create. The Games could become even more expensive in stage and there was not enough income to pay for them. Montreal in 1976 was a financial catastrophe which the good citizens of that city have had to pay for ever since; Moscow managed thanks to massive state support, and by 1984, only Los Angeles was left to accept what was increasingly a polarized choice.

Part of TV rights were first negotiated in the back in the London Games in 1948. But, it was not until the Games became truly global in Tokyo 1964, with the first satellite link-up, then TV rights contracts reached into an important revenue source for the IOC and provided a mechanism to expand Olympic involvement. IOC policy, as urged in the Olympic Charter, awards the Games broadcast rights to those broadcasters who offer the greatest audience, free of charge, rather than the largest check.

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US, Spain forge finals rematch

Pistorius gets his share of history

LONDON—Oscar Pistorius set precedents all the way along his journey to and through the London Games. In the end, it was all about risk: listening in an Olympic final.

A double amputee now banned globally as the "Blade Runner," Pistorius anchored the South Africa team in the 4x400-meter relay final at the London Olympics on Friday night, bringing the roaring 80,000-among crowd to its feet despite him crossing the finish line in eighth place.

He was proudly still "Olympian Oscar" to his long list of real-blazing achievements.

"That whole experience was amazing. To step out here as an Olympic finalist is more than I could have ever hoped for," Pistorius said. "Time opportunity to come here once again and finish today and run yesterday is a dream come true."

Pistorius said the atmosphere, the crowd, the competition, the experience were all "far beyond my expectations."

He almost didn't make it, for so many reasons.

Born without fibulas, he had his legs amputated below the knee before he was a year old. He learned how to walk on prosthetics and even dabbled with playing rugby until a leg injury made him turn to athletics.

After winning his long struggle with track and field authorities for the right to compete in able-bodied events, Pistorius qualified for the 400-meter semifinals in his debut race at the Olympics last weekend. He finished last in the semifinals, but didn't dare the first non-paraplegic runner to ever compete in track and field at the Olympics.

He had ambitions of winning an Olympic medal—and they weren't far-fetched, considering he helped South Africa earn a world championship silver medal last year in Daegu, South Korea, where he ran in the heats but missed the final.

In the relay heats on Thursday, his teammate Ofentse Mogawane laughed with a Kenyan runner and dropped the baton as he reached for the tape—a full length of the straight away from where he was supposed to hand it to Pistorius.

The 25-year-old Pistorius then walked away from the changeover zone on his carbon fiber blades, believing his Olympic were over because South Africa did not finish the heat. But after a series of protests and appeals, the Kenyan team was disqualified from the heat and, in a very rare move, South Africa was added as the ninth team to the final—in the usually runners-inside lane.

And with the thunderous applause and cheering following him around the track, it was like a victory lap for Pistorius.

"I think after yesterday, today can only be good," he said, reflecting on missing qualifying on the relay heats. "This week has just been one of the biggest blessings for me. It's tough to say a lot.

"I've been inspired by so many athletes. Just to have had this opportunity to step out side, it's been absolutely phenomenal."

He hasn't had time to reflect on his achievements yet, he said, because there's "just been so much to learn." AP

OSCAR Pistorius feels for his team as Jamie Evans his Olympic wins.

BROTHERS Pau (left) and Marc (right) stand sandwich Russian center Alexander "Kaukus" Kaun during a rebound battle in their semifinal showdown. Spain won to set up a championship duel with Kevin Durant (right photo) and the favored US team.

'No coaching, just drunk as a skunk'

LONDON—US men's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski is mostly mystified by anything on the hardwood, but a question at his post-game press conference on Friday set him off.

Krzyzewski was asked after his reigning Olympic champions had beaten Argentina 109-80 to reach another gold medal game if his talented team actually requires any coaching each would prompt just he's used to during the court.

"None. None. You got it. Absolutely none," the 65-year-old coach answered curtly.

"I'm not every night with my family, drunk as a skunk. Wait 'till you see me tonight. I'll get to it on. You're all invited. Come to my room. We can even cut the dance ball. You got it. I don't know how you figured it out."

Krzyzewski, who has compiled the most wins by any Division I college basketball coach and steered Duke University to four national titles, has a record of 61-1 since taking over as US national coach in 2005 with an Olympic title and world championship crown on the resume.

His US team will battle Spain on Sunday for the gold in a rematch of the 2008 final which the Americans won in Beijing. Reuters

Kobe lauds Howard trade

LONDON—Kobe Bryant welcomed Dwight Howard to the Los Angeles Lakers by telephone from the London Olympics on Friday, overjoyed to have the superscore center as a new NBA teammate for the upcoming season.

"It's going to be sensational," Bryant said after helping the defending champion US Olympic squad of NBA stars defeat Argentina, 109-80 to reach a gold medal rematch of the 2008 final against Spain.

"I talked to him this morning. He was happy to be out there. I told him, LA is the perfect place for him. I'm excited for the Lakers' franchise because there have a great player who can carry that franchise long after I'm gone."

The move was similar to the deal done during the 1996 Atlanta Olympics that saw Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal go to the Lakers, where he and Bryant combined to win three titles. AFP

US 'golden girls' face uncertain football future

LONDON—The American women's football team played hard to win its third straight Olympic title and justified hard afterwards before preparing to head home to prepare for the season.

The new major tournament is three years away, and options to play at home are limited with the American women's league, WPS, defunct and plans for a new league still to be.

"This has been our focus, our attention for the last few years now," Heather O'Reilly said. Friday. "There's a little bit of uncertainty right now."

The Americans won their third straight Olympic title, and fourth overall. Thursday night, defeating Japan 2-1 in a rematch of last year's World Cup final and avenging the most painful loss in their history. The victory was another showcase of their grit and resilience, qualities that have endeared them to fans back home, as well as a testament to the depth of talent in the squad.

Hope Solo, Abby Wambach and Cindy Lloyd have been mainstays of the team for years now. But young stars Tobin Heath, Kelly O'Hara and Becky Sauerbrunn played key roles in the games—and the team's future—and there's more where they came from. Just as they've been doing since the days of Mia Hamm, Julie Foudy, Michelle Akers and Brandi Chastain, the Americans simply refused to let players step away or slow down.

But that will be harder and harder as the rest of the world catches up to the Americans. Other countries are pumping resources into their women's programs, and the results were evident both at the Olympics and last year's World Cup final. After losing to the US games in the United States, Japan is 7-2-1 against the US since the World Cup final, and the team's victory has the potential of being even bigger than those with Germany, Sweden, maybe even Brazil.

"Having a professional league is going to be really crucial for the continued development of our team in

DEFINITE their games continues. Hope Solo (No. 1) and her teammates won't have a league they can fly home in.

us, we not only can stay on top, but we can keep pushing the envelope," Wambach said.

There clearly is interest in the women's team. Most of the country is on a first name basis with Abby, Hope and Alex, and their games in both the World Cup and Olympics have been big-draw—both in the stands and on television. The final Thursday drew an Olympic record 80,203, and Wambach said some of the NBA players passed up some in a suite to get closer to the field.

But translating that interest into a financially viable league has been stickier than a bicycle kick.

"If I sit and think about it, there's a little bitterness. More than a little bitterness," Solo said. AP

With Qui in lead, China poised to collar last diving gold at stake

LONDON—There's one more gold medal left in diving at the London Olympics, and China is perfectly positioned to win it.

Qui Bo heads into the 10-meter platform semifinal on Saturday as the top qualifier with 562.70 points. His teammate, Lin Yue, was second with 551.85 points behind in second.

The top 12 men will qualify for the evening final.

China has won six golds in diving so far at these games, losing only the men's 3-meter springboard. One more victory would allow the diving superpower to equal its results from four years ago in Beijing.

Qui, the 19-year-old current world platform champion, took the lead for good after the second of six dives in the preliminaries on Friday. He was nearly flawless against a field loaded with big names.

Defending Olympic champion Matthew Mitcham of Australia, who spoiled China's bid for a gold medal sweep in Beijing, was inconsistent but finished strong.

"I know that I'm not going to be at my best compared to how I was in Beijing," said Mitcham, who has struggled with injuries that disrupted his training. "While I expect to dive much, much better, really all I'm expecting is to dive the best I can with what I've got."

Sascha Klein of Germany, the bronze medalist at last year's world championships, was third at 523.35. His teammate, Martin Wolfram, was fourth at 496.50.

Mexico's two divers were close behind the Germans. German Sanchez was fifth and Iván Garcia sixth.

Both of them performed the toughest dive in the world: an inward 3½ somersault tuck, that carries a 4.1 degree of difficulty.

Even the Chinese didn't attempt that one.

Sanchez scored 96.46 points on it, while Garcia earned 77.98.

Nick McCrory of the US moved on to eighth on 466.90. AP

US gals set world record

Outrun Jamaicans for relay gold

CARMELITA JETER points to the time clock after crossing the finish line in world record time in the finals of the 4x100 women's relay.

LONDON—Allyson Felix won her second Olympic gold medal at the London Games and added a world record for good measure as she helped the US relay team power past its Jamaican rivals in the 4x100 meters.

The 200-meter champion ran a blistering second leg and 100-meter silver medalist Carmelita Jeter finished off the world record performance, pointing to the time clock with her mouth wide open as soon as she got past the finish line, seeing clear the 27-year-old mark of the former East Germany was gone.

The US team finished in 40.82 seconds, shaving a massive 0.55 seconds off the old mark.

"We look up and see we had a world record, it was just crazy," Felix said. "I didn't think that was going to happen."

Jeter knew she was zooming for the world record as she was dashing down the home stretch. Jamaica already well beaten.

"As I'm running, I'm looking at the clock and seeing this time that's like 37, 38, 39. In my heart I said, 'We just did it!'" Jeter said.

It was the second world record in as many days on the super-fast track at the Olympic Stadium after David Rudisha of Kenya set a fresh mark, 800 on Thursday night.

Now, Felix will bid for a third gold medal if the Fast—as expected—in the final of the 4x400 relay on Saturday.

Almost as amazing as the US women's 4x100 relay record was the running loss by the US men's 4x400 relay after it had won every Olympic gold medal in the event since bowing the 1908 Montreal Games.

In a thrilling finish, Kanon Miller of the Bahamas chased down and swept past Angela Taylor in the final straight to deprive the United States of a gold it long thought it had a lock on.

"I tried to kick and come home. Unfortunately, Kanon had more left," said Taylor, a two-time Olympic champion in the 400 meter hurdles.

Such was the surprise that it overshadowed Oscar Pistorius' last race at the London Games. Pistorius, known as the "Blade Runner" got the South African to last place and crossed the line in eight, in an anticlimactic performance after he had become the first amputee runner in track and field to compete at the Olympics.

"It has been incredible to be here," said Pistorius, a double amputee who runs with the aid of carbon fiber blades. "Just to participate has been great and now I am really looking forward to the Paralympics."

One favorite to come through as expected was Renaud Lavillenie of France, who won pole vault gold with an Olympic record jump of 5.97 meters.

Former world record holder Tatyana Lysenko of Russia, who served a two-year doping ban until 2009, set a games record of 78.18 meters to win the hammer throw.

No one came close to an Olympic record in the 5,000, but Mo Farah of Britain retained the title the first man right years ago, as her Ethiopian competitor Tirunesh Dibaba missed a chance to become the first woman to repeat as double Olympic long-distance champion.

Defier swept past the front running Dibaba in the final straight and had enough power to hold off Vivian Cheruiyot of Kenya. Dibaba, running with blue tape on the back and inside of her right thigh, failed toward the end and was unable to produce the kick that earned her gold in the 10,000 last week.

Once she crossed the line, Defar produced a poignant image of a single and child to show to the camera before breaking down, sobbing into the picture.

After the win at the 2004 Athens Games, Defar has often had to spend time running in the shadow of Dibaba. Now the two have continued to dominate their three rivals from Kenya over the long distance events to London.

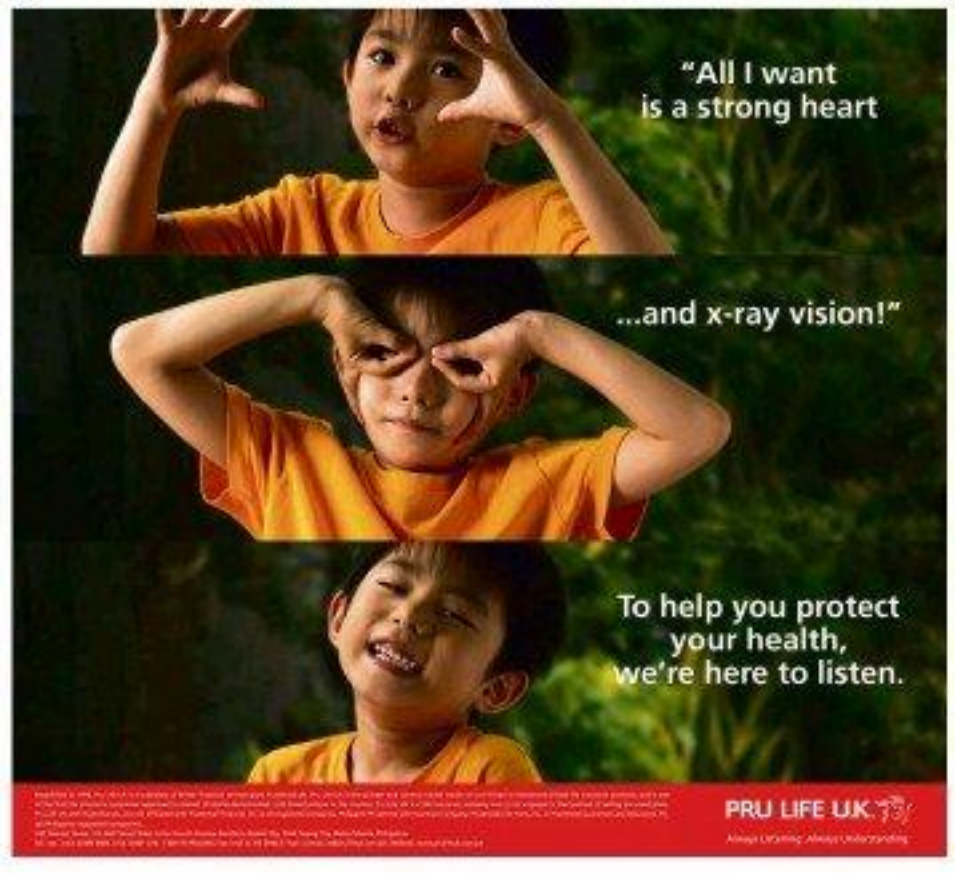
"I feel like I've been born again," Defar said. "After eight years, to get gold again is big."

Ethiopia had already won the women's marathon in the center of the city last Sunday, and the favored Cheruiyot failed to even get close to her world championship double from last year.

Dibaba was also once away from achieving the long distance equivalent of what Usain Bolt did over the sprints on Thursday.

US runner Morgan Uceny had stumbled or tumble at a major meet, crashing to the track at the start of the last lap and failing to finish the final. She was the leading 1,500 runner heading into the world championships last year, but fell in the final in Daegu. AP

THE UNITED States women's 4x100 relay team members (from left) Carmelita Jeter, Bianca Knight, Tianna Madison and Allyson Felix, celebrate their gold medal win at the Olympic Stadium.



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American entrepreneur bets big on Philippines

By Doris E. Dumlao

AMERICAN businessman Joseph Sigelmeier always seems to be at the right place at the right time.

After dabbling in investment banking, the Ivy League-born New York built a successful business process outsourcing (BPO) enterprise in India that expanded to 42 countries.

After that, he moved on to Latin America and co-founded a thriving engineering consortium business that rode on the region's infrastructure boom.

In perhaps it's no coincidence that Sigelmeier is now putting his chips into the Philippines—and into a business where his previous experience in energy proves lucrative: BPO and construction businesses come to mind.

In late 2011, he organized a group that acquired Advanced Stuff and Pacific Co. of Manila Inc. (ASAP) from the Consunji group's DMCI Holdings.

ASAP is a 112-year-old company with a rich legacy, having built the Hand Monument, the country's first steel bridge and Manila's water and sewerage system. But that was in bygone times since the Asian crisis. It was originally an American company that was acquired by industrialist Roberto Villanueva. In the 1970s reborn Pres. Marcos motivated pacify laws, DMCI took over in 1997 then sold to Sigelmeier.

Sigelmeier, the son of a doctor from New York City, graduated with honors from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and then went to Harvard Business School.

Sigelmeier, who is only in his late 30s, worked with Goldman Sachs International in London as a private equity unit before becoming an entrepreneur.

It was his management team who saw a gem in ASAP, whose fabrication complex in Bataan is by far the largest of its kind in Southeast Asia.

"I think there's a handful of companies that are emerging at this point in time that will carry the Filipino flag and create global brands and hopefully ASAP is one of those companies," he says in an interview with Inquirer.

Specialization

ASAP's specialization has evolved to what is called modularization, or building large pieces of infrastructure (such as power plants or refineries) piece by piece (or module), much like how one builds using Lego blocks.

The difference is that ASAP produces giant blocks cut of its plants in Bataan and ships these to clients all over the world.

"The Philippines is a business process outsourcing country and I realized it's a BPO be construction. I jokingly sell it BPO or industrial process outsourcing," Sigelmeier says.

The process starts with modular engineering—taking the details of design and making it more "constructible." Based on such engineering design, ASAP purchases the materials.

"Modularization has been around for 20-years but it never really took off until recently. Some sum, the preponderance of modularization has been in steel and pipe. But now you can integrate to that electrical, mechanical systems, instrumentation, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning vacuums as you create these big steel blocks that are mission ready," Sigelmeier says.

Once completed to client site, the modules are plugged in—just like Lego blocks.

"ASAP takes care of the engineering, fabrication, assembly, the load-out, the heavy lift, transportation, the heavy lift on the other side and we bring our people in actually set those things up, so do the installation, the commission and maintenance. It's the entire life cycle of the product," he says.

Such a business can attain industries or geographies, which is why Sigelmeier is confident that ASAP has a huge potential for growth.

"There is room not just, if you literally go anywhere, to put modularize to be construction," he says.

Sigelmeier says that more often than not, construction projects anywhere in the world are delayed and overshoot budgets. The fault of it because you bring thousands of people (construction workers) together who have never met. There's no system, no processes and everyone knows that in 18 to 24 months, they won't have a job, so their bosses is actually to delay the project and create a lot longer."

Modularization, the less construction site, reduces the cost "tremendously" and delivers "better quality and a safer way of doing business."

What ASAP was itself doing is thus a highly disruptive approach to solving traditional construction problems. Because the modules can easily be plugged in and put in work, they help companies in the oil and gas, power and resources industries get in business faster and therefore start generating revenues sooner, breaking the norm of cures budgets and delays and therefore, substantially bringing down costs.

It's a never seen so be in this kind of business at this point in time, Sigelmeier says.

"In the next five years there will be a surge in infrastructure projects in this country and we want to be a leader in that," Sigelmeier says, adding that ASAP would team up with the likes of its former owners DMCI on such projects. Because ASAP does not build foundations or civil works, he says it's not competing with local construction giants like DMCI.

Outside the Philippines, he adds that global demand be infrastructure is very high.

"The market is credible right now," he says, noting that there are countries more available resources than the existing infrastructure can manage and insufficient local capacity to meet that demand.

"In Latin America, there's a shortage of workers. You have mining in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, oil and gas in Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Venezuela. All of these will have to be built and need a lot of workers. US may be a shining example but it is spending a lot on infrastructure. Canada doesn't have enough people to do the projects being planned in Calgary and other parts of Canada. Even Africa has huge mining projects and lack of skilled labor. Saudi Arabia is changing its economy to one of trader to an exporter of refined products, so they're building huge refineries and in all of the Gulf countries, you need power to support those," he says.

In Australia, which has a 20-million population on one-fifth of the Philippines', there's $500 billion worth of contracted LNG [liquefied natural gases] today, half of which will be contracted in the next 8 to 12 months, Sigelmeier says.

In the same time, he says there are huge mining projects across iron ore, coal precious metals as well as huge infrastructure projects like railroads, ports, chemical plants.

A truck driver in Darwin, is city in Australia's northern territory, makes $150,000 a year and a welder in the same city earns $250,000 a year and only works for half a year, Sigelmeier says.

"Everything has become so ridiculously inflated," he says. "Where are we in my economy going to be supported by the local population but it has a very strict immigration policy so the only solution is modularization."

Why in PH

If ASAP's comfort is the rest of the world, is the Philippines competitive enough to be a hub for industrial process outsourcing when there are cheaper supplies of labor and raw material in China or in other Asian countries? For Sigelmeier, the answer is a resounding "yes."

"I love the Philippines and the best advantage is the work force. The Philippines has some of the best workers, best craftsmen and some of the best managers in the world. That's an extensive statement. When you go to the Gulf countries, their craftsmen of choice are always the Filipinos," he says.

Filipinos are "incredibly productive, hardworking and highly skilled," he adds.

Having said that, ASAP faces some constraints such as high power rates and the lack of supply chain, for instance, steel mills. There's less capital available companies in the market but he says this is changing for the better.

Despite all these, he says the Filipino worker is a "very compelling proposition."

"We're not the cheapest when you look at this cost, but if you look at the productive hour, Philippines does extremely well," he says.

Sigelmeier says that the country does not have enough access to capital compared to the likes of South Korea, which can put up big fancy fabrication yards with huge machines and highly automated processes.

If additional capital could be brought in to complement high quality Filipino workers, then the Philippines becomes a better proposition, he says.

"Infrastructure help [Philippine] GDP [gross domestic product] grow but you want to do it responsibly. You where people want to work. You want your best people back," he says.

Since his group took over the company, ASAP has expanded its yard from 950,000 square meters to 1.5 million sqm. It also recently bought Bataan International Park. While transportation is an important cost, it's not its biggest cost, especially as cargo going to global shipping industry is favorable for ASAP right now.

Integrated systems

At present, ASAP can produce 60,000 metric tons of processed steel a year which should go up to 300,000 MT a year in the next few months, Sigelmeier says.

That ultimately as we think it, including its northern territory, it's more than steel and pipes — it's engineered electrical systems and processes inside. Your yard size doesn't need to increase for the earlier goes up," he says.

ASAP did not have much of a backlog when Sigelmeier came in full time in May of last year, the company has logged nearly $350 million in announced sales. This is expected to increase "very significantly" this year and grow to "substantially" north of billion dollars in backlog sales by the end of this year.

Apart from increasing the yard's footprint in Bataan, he expanded the management team, built systems and improved the middle and senior management.

Sigelmeier estimates that ASAP will invest $200 million to $250 million over the next 12 to 18 months into the business. By end of this year, it expects to employ 1,500 people in its yard which is a "big chunk of the people" this year, goes to several thousands, many of whom will be women.

"We're focused on diversity. I'd like to have 50 percent of our workers to be female," Sigelmeier says, noting it's not true that welding is an occupation for men. "You don't have to lift anything. It's doing it with a very steady hand," he says. ASAP's best welder is a recent project for British Petroleum, he says, is a lady who was given a chance by the yard.

"We're giving people in Batangas an opportunity to work in a safe environment where they have a long term career. It's a lot better option than going to work in Saudi Arabia," he says, adding that its host will also help earn foreign exchange for the country even without having to export workers.

Apart from Sigelmeier, ASAP's investor group includes local people and a Hawaii fund. The company, which was brought back to private hands after the group's purchase from DMCI, is majority Filipino owned.

"We're investing here. We'll continue to invest here. This is our home," says Sigelmeier.

JOSEPH Sigelmeier

SKILLED workers man the AG&P fabrication yard.

FREE-PLANTING PROGRAM FOR CLEANER, GREENER PORT Regla M. Romero (third from left), chair of Harbour Centre Port Terminal Inc., and Hans A. Jardin (fourth from right), executive director of the Bataan-based Philippine Reclamation Authority, lead their executives in preparing for the planting of 200 seedlings of talisay, bitaog and batong trees at the HCPTI. The tree-planting activity is part of the HCPTI's comprehensive environment program to make this environ-friendly and ISO-certified port cleaner and greener.

SOPHIE'S. Mom is a popular ensaimada ice cream brand in Metro Manila.

Sophie's Mom set to take venture to higher level

By Princess Daisy C. Ontiveros

I HAVE FOR (ensaimada) ice cream!

This dessert is a Japanese confectionery made from soft, pounded sticky rice (mochi) with an ice cream filling. It is popular in Asia and the United States, and has now reached Philippine shores.

One of the popular mochi ice cream brands in Metro Manila is Sophie's Mom, a bakery and confectionery shop in Makati. Their mochi ice cream is homemade.

So who are Sophie and her mom?

Sophie Romero is a college freshman in UP who is into blogging and "tweeting," and bakes with her mom, Marie Antoinette "Tonette" Bona.

The two love to tinker around in the kitchen, along with Tonette's two other young daughters, Stephanie and Samantha.

"Our family loves ice cream, and we have been making our own special all-natural ice cream which she (pointing to Tonette) loves," Tonette shares.

When Sophie was a junior in high school, the family went to the US for a reunion with their relatives. There, Sophie's cousin let her try mochi ice cream, which was very popular in the area. Sophie loved it so much that she asked her mom to try making it herself there.

"It was frozen, and it was supposed to be soft. Remember you made a mistake it was supposed to be soft?" Samantha reminded her mom.

After a month of trial and error, constant pouring, and frustration over the sticky mochi, Tonette and the girls finally perfected their mochi ice cream. When they came back from the US, Sophie tweeted about it, much to her friends' delight. She got numerous inquiries from friends about how they could order it.

"My classmates, the suggestion [the name 'Sophie's Mom' became everybody's idea, ordering from Sophie's mom," Sophie recounts.

In 2010, they sold their mochi ice cream in Sophie's school fair, and everything sans yogurt ran in a matter of hours. On the following days, they included cupcakes and cookies in their inventory so they would still have products to sell when the mochi ice cream was out.

YUMMY. Tonette and Sophie are known for their mochi ice cream and cupcakes.

From I.T. to confectionary

Tonette used to work for IBM as the country manager of its Software Labs Services. Although her work there was very technical, her kids were wowing more into the arts. She dabbled in fashion design, pastry arts, painting, decorating, and of course, baking.

In May 2011, Sophie's Mom passed its first bazaar in Malacañan Plaza. Though the bazaar was held on the 22nd floor, on a weekday, their products were sold out and received positive feedback from customers. It didn't hurt that most of the customers on the bazaar were bloggers who raved about Sophie's Mom.

"Blogging is a big thing now, and they gave us free publicity, so that's how we really moved," Sophie says.

Tonette, who wanted to quit her job to stay at home and cater her daughters, and also to concentrate on her hobbies, got a corner space reserved for her by her mother in a compound a few blocks away from her house. She saw this as an opportunity to start a bakery as an outlet for her creative side, but still geographically close enough to allow her to monitor her younger daughters.

Sophie's Mom, with its homestyle, vintage feel ambiance, finally opened in July 2011, offering the famous mochi ice cream, all-natural mochi ice cream, cupcakes, and cookies, all made using the finest ingredients.

The rainbow display and tribunal of choices of the treats are constantly updated on rollers spread on counters and reserves.

Even though the store's location is in a residential area, customers come in droves for the customers. To keep it interesting, they come up with new items every month, patterns that are not commonly found in other bakeshops, with unique combinations of ingredients that are innovative but not too exotic for the customers' palate. This is what they call "comfort food with a twist."

Family project

Tonette and Sophie are aware that they are not the only ones who make mochi ice cream in the metropolis. They also know that there are dozens of cupcake and pastry shops everywhere. But they are confident about the quality of their brand.

"You can't please everybody. People will compare us with other brands, but you can't let it get to you. We just keep our focus because we know our market," Sophie says.

Tonette and her girls try to enjoy every minute of running their business. She is in charge of the recipes and product development, Sophie does the marketing and research, Samantha is excellent in sales talk, and Stephanie likes to be the "taster."

Like a parallel in time, they noticed that they get families as customers, sometimes even three generations coming in to check out the products.

"We get the kids (grandmother), the mom, and the kids all buying different things," Tonette relates.

But their most precious customers are from the 18-25 market, who are into social networking and love to voice out the excitement over Sophie's Mom.

Their kitchen is always in a frenzy during Christmas and Valentine's, a time because of the numerous bulk orders and displays for their bakeshop. They have also ventured into corporate giveaways.

Their cupcakes, cookies, and Spanish bread also keep their customers coming back for more. The mochi ice cream, with flavors ranging from Nutella, truffle, and red velvet, Ferrero Rocher de Mercedes-vanilla, leche flan to lemon meringue, are excellent gifts as they can last up to two weeks when stored in a fridge.

Aside from the main bakery along Leviste Street in San Antonio Village, Makati, they recently opened a kiosk in the ground floor of SM Megamall. Plans of opening four more branches are in the works within the next few months in the north and south parts of Metro Manila, and eventually expand to provinces nationwide. Franchising is also on their list, but they want the business to "mature" first before taking that next big step.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS TO COMPETE IN HONG KONG

SIX secondary school students have been spots to represent the Philippines in the FedEx Express/Junior Achievement (JA) International Trade Challenge (ITC) regional finals to be held in Hong Kong on August 20 to 21.

Students Jann Arissa Sarmiento (second on the L), Teresita Audrey Gonzales of Colegio de San Juan de Letran (Team 1); Alexa Anne Bocampo and Mary Joy Dimaculan of Manila Science High School (Team 2), and Marvin Xavier Ip and Loren Yeung of St. John Catholic School (Team 3), presented their winning market-entry strategies in the recently-concluded FedEx JA ITC Philippines competition held in Miriam College.

Winners were chosen based on their understanding of the significance of market research, creativity, planning and entrepreneurial skills in entering new markets.

The three Philippine teams will be competing against 19 other teams from Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Sponsored by FedEx Express, a subsidiary of FedEx Corp. and the world's largest express transportation company, and organized by Junior Achievement (JA) Philippines, the International Trade Challenge program is designed to help students learn about international trade and provide them with an opportunity to set up a mock business and develop a plan to export a product to an overseas market.

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Aerospace technology center rises in Baguio

PRECISION Tzong demonstrates a deburring operation using a pencil grinder aided with microscope lighting and fiber optic light.

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—Jerome Tzong is still in his 20s, but he recast himself from a licensed mechanical engineer in 2006 into the president and "value stream manager" of the start-up firm that will soon provide the needs of Moog Controls (Philippines), a manufacturer of aircraft parts in the Baguio City Economic Zone.

Tzong convinced businessmen to invest P12 million in his firm, Aurotek Aerospace Precision Manufacturing Co. Since July, he has been monitoring future employees, who undergo training courses in precision machining and bench work that would hone their skills in shaping electronic and manual actuator components, according to international quality standards.

Moog's Philippine division produces actuators, which control airplane wing rudders, for most American and European aircraft manufacturers, said Edmund Perusal Tapiquen, a Cordillera Center of the Metalworking Industries Association of the Philippines (MAP).

Expansion plans

Recently, the firm had determined that tapping a local supply chain would improve its overhead costs and render obsolete the troops-to-the-city's expensive expansion plans, Tapiquen said.

Moog's future supply chain with Tzong is for all intents and purposes, an example of outsourcing, Jr. said.

Born to the island's last cape of homegrown supply-chain, which Tzong and many outside industry advocates see is rising at Baguio's idle Loakan Airport near the town.

Commercial flights have not been operating from the city's historic airport for years now, thus making it a potential expansion area for the BCDC.

But in the near future, the Loakan airport could serve as the hub of an aerospace technological park, composed of private manufacturing companies and service contractors that would build parts required by Moog and other airline manufacturing suppliers.

A Baguio aerospace technopark fulfills the dual stages of Project CREAMS, which stands for "Clustering of the Regional Enterprises of CAR (Cordillera Administrative Region) for Agro-Industrial Machinery and Parts Manufacturing."

In a paper by research group, Cordillera Industry and Energy Research and Development Consortium (CIERDC), CREAMS was designed as an industry down-streaming program

PRECISION Instruments train machinists to shape components ordered for aircraft.

DEBURRING machine removes oil and grease that accumulate during the machining process.

by the Cordillera Regional Development Council "to improve the productivity and competitiveness of the metals and engineering sector, small and medium enterprises in the region by organizing them into clusters and raising their competency level [in order to] enable them to cater to the equipment and parts requirements of the Moog Controls Corp."

Tools programs

Tapiquen said constructing metal parts for airplanes is no different from manufacturing tools for an automobile, so training programs designed and offered by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) for future Moog suppliers and contractors will bridge only minor gaps in techniques and the science.

He said that what Moog requires from its homegrown suppliers are efficiency and the machinist's dedication to keeping within world quality standards.

Baguio's new role as a potential center for aerospace machinists is also timely, Tapiquen said, because the city churns out hundreds of university graduates each year which Moog and other aircraft manufacturing firms could tap for manpower or service contract needs.

Arthur Lucas Cleo, executive director of the government's Metals Industry Research and Development Center (MIRDC), said aerospace technology is the new metallurgy industry that should draw the interest of local businessmen.

Manufacturing programs

He said Asian countries like China have launched their own airplane manufacturing programs and will soon require parts suppliers which a Baguio aerospace park can provide.

The metals providers of the future park can also augment the needs of other future industries, Cleo said, citing a proposed e-waste project to link the Subic and Clark economic zones with Metro Manila, and a project that aims to design a new lean-burning battery.

He said the potentials of aviation are not even considered by government planners, who have allocated most funds for an automotive industry buildup.

The private sector should be interested in building the Baguio aerospace technopark, and it should start with Moog, Cruz said.

Tzong added: "If you note the global demand for commercial aircraft, almost 24 percent of the backlog from 2010 to 2030 are from the Asia-Pacific region [and] 14 percent is from China. In [the demand amounts to] almost 40 percent in our neighborhood. What propelled Asia-Pacific demand for aircraft is the growth of tourism and low-cost carriers."

"We have had Moog [at the Baguio economic zone for a decade] and to become a major player in the aerospace industry. It is looking for suppliers and that demand grew MORE the initiative in top small enterprises to supply Moog. The market is huge. The potential is huge. And Baguio is the best place [to exploit this]," he said.

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They have been a calamity waiting to happen

Zhaleena Sioson San Juan

I HAD intended to write about the book "Obando of Grey," the "mommy porn" which my housewife-friends from Alabang and my indigent driver assistant friend Sean Forbes are all talking about. I had planned to spend a road trip through the country (no terrorist), but that can wait.

Instead I dwell on my two hometowns, Malabon and Obando, which, just when you thought couldn't get any more flood-

THE OBANDO /C2

Claudio Bravo portrait exhibit to open next month at MET

FINAL PREPARATIONS are underway for the landmark retrospective of Claudio Bravo, the renowned Chilean artist who painted portraits of members of Manila society in the 1960s.

The exhibit will open at the 18th-century Museum of Manila on Sept. 15, Chilean Ambassador Hernán Silva Ulloa said. The catalogue of Bravo's Manila portraits will also be launched during the occasion.

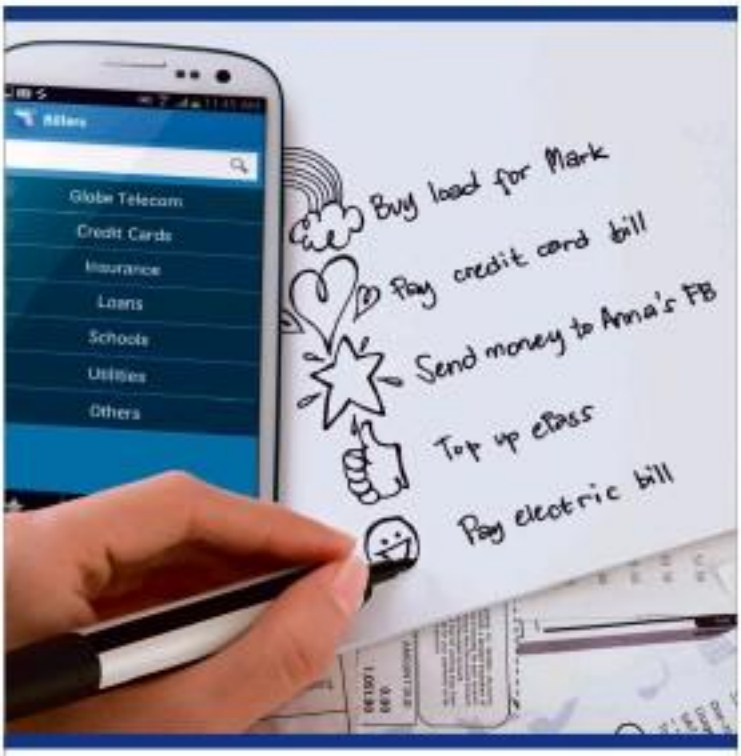
The exhibit will be made possible by Ambassador Roberto Mayorga and the Energy Development Corp. headed by Dante Lopez.

To be exhibited are 37 portraits, the first done 44 years that they will be displayed. (The first time was in June 1968 at the Lee Gallery, the celebration of Bravo's six-month stay in Manila.)

Portraits will include models Grimanesa, Luis Antonio, Mitoño Prieto, Chona Ramos, Tingting Cojuangco, Gretchen Cojuangco, Pony Penaflor, Conchita Lopez Teplez, Paula Lopez, Dr. Constantino Mendoza, Elvira Mendoza, Dongguy Mendoza, Sam Ichiapo, Marilou Pérez-Leviza, Vonie Liu, Alice Bocio, Regina Tee, architect Leandro Locsin and Cecilia Locsin, Antonio Roxas, Puteri Nimo Khalifa, former President Ferdinand Marcos, Imelda Marcos, Baby Fores, Sherry Soares, Katherine Young, Evelyn Lim Forbes, Aurelio Montinola Sr. and former Senator Nicanor Mendiola.

Portraits that have been brought abroad will be included in the catalogue: Pilar Roxas, Jaime Zobel, Ben Zobel, Jaime Augusto Zobel, Fernando Zobel.

Sketches and doodles made by Bravo, who died on June 4, 2011, in Morocco, will also be on display.



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The Obando and Malabon of my childhood leave me depressed

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ed than they have been all year round, really became a sea of calamity this week.

I dread visiting Malabon and Obando. The new times I do, usually during Christmas and most around family visits, I get depressed, just like Inquirer columnist Neal Cruz, who's also from Malabon.

The landscape is no pathway that you can take to remember its idyllic and prosperous past. Given the proliferation of factories, perhaps it does remain prosperous—for the factory owners and politicians.

Last Sunday, before the deluge, we were in Malabon to attend the burial of my cousin Bobi Simon Ignacio in a memorial park at the outskirts of Malabon. While the downpour was intermittent, I was actually pleasantly surprised that the memorial park wasn't flooded at all, nor that Sunday before the calamitous week. And for that, I thanked my aunt Adelina Simon who, shortly before she died in the '90s, had the foresight and managerial ability to secure the family's resting place, with the typical way of negotiating deals, from Tagaog to this memorial park.

My grandfather's burial plot is Tagaog, which is between Calumpan and Malabon, was a source of happy childhood memories. Since it was east and ground, we looked forward to visiting it on All Saints' Day: simply because we could romp and play in it. My paternal grandfather, Nicanordes Simon, must have made sure that it befitted his status as elder councilman and businessman of the town—and that his grandchildren would have a good playground to romp in.

On that score, he was right...we'd come home from the cemetery exhausted and bruised but happy. My younger brother owes the scar on his chin to our mad cemetery romp...a cousin caused the metal chair that surrounded the tomb like a sculptured rope just when my brother was toward it. He tripped, fell on his face and suffered a deep cut. I remember how he cried and wailed as they ferried the cut; I realized then that All Saints' Day had a way of separating the big bullies from the small bullies.

Fresh corpses

That last week, the Tagaog I read about in the news was so different from that of my childhood. Today it is just ghastly. The "apartment" suicide—congested, for sure—collapsed amid the unyielding floods and dislodged fresh corpses.

My dear departed aunt made the right move in moving the ancestral remains to this memorial park. But then her foresight didn't consider that the path would one day be hesitated to by a colony of informal settlers by permission of the lessee with shanties surrounding the cemetery.

The Malabon I come home to has been overrun with informal settlers and factories. It's a ghetto of concrete buildings with maximum high gates and flashlights like chain structures. (One is hard put to find the cold reminders of mausoleums amid the chemfactories and factories. Whenever I drive to Malabon I sometimes miss my curve because the old familiar landmarks are gone. The towering acacia trees in our old Acacia neighborhood (no doubt, named after the trees) are gone.

And—there's much everywhere. It's as if where Malabon is not under water, it is just the same...a mix—of garbage.

I once asked Rep. Toby Tiangco, himself a Malabon from Malabon, why the local governments have allowed Malabon to rot, to ruin. "You're right. It's clean and we've brand-fled it."

Obando, where my mother's family is from, is another sad story.

In my childhood, Obando, to me, represented the rule of the matriarch and the church. My mother's family was ruled by my maternal grandmother and spinster grandaunts who ran both the fishponds and the parish convent—who, in turn, ran the church and the school. (My Malabon aunts, who are Aglipayan, referred to my mother's aunts as "emperor"—as in Emperor Catholic. Thanks!) The parish priests and my grandaunts made such a grand lady alliance that could attempt to run your lifestyle, if not your future.

My young summers would have primarily in the Bulacan—another major attend. There would be a procession of fiestas with outriggers on the chase river to a rustboat on the fishpond where a feast of fresh prawns, crabs, alimango and oysters awaited. Although we would have rather been romping in our rowdies (the Manila term, if you must know), we nonetheless enjoyed the food and the fresh breezes, and tolerated the company of adults (and parents). My biggest summer fun, at least I did.

Mister Dickerson

Lives centered on grand fiestas and even grander Holy Week processions, where your family's stature was gauged by the grandiosity of the carrozas. I remember the smell of incense as the last carroza at the end of procession passed by. To me, the solemn hands down, was my cousin Peria (although the voluminous white muslin cloth that draped the cross was simply elegant, matching the white ruffa lilies), but the statuesque Mister Dickerson with its exquisitely beautiful, mournful face. (Did I hear that chorus to repeat?)

When I was already with the newspaper, I dragged my friend, then Daily Express photographer Jun de Leon, to cover a Good Friday procession. He did a double take, perched atop the Daily Express vehicle he's a good many hours.

I haven't been back to any Good Friday procession in Obando. I don't know if today it could be a routine ordinary even to colorizing, never mind grandeurly. High tide or low tide—it really hardly matters—my little's been used to under water, mucky water that has already lived small-time marine life. That Dutch past used to be a very beautiful garden now from a tenant-rented fortune from where my spinster grandaunts ran the ancestral home, and that of their indirect descendants.

Thanks to a divine hand, my last remaining spinster lola turned ninth before she was moved out of their ancestral home, which is now uninhabitable. In this case, nothing became such a severe blessing against the ravages wrought by man.

(Like most of Mega Manila, Malabon and Obando have been a calamity waiting to happen, and not solely because of indoor or climate change. In the government-sponsored Manila Bureau Bimbilla Marcos' construction of the nearby Ingas Dagami, either.

This doesn't have to be an urban planner to know that these two coastal towns, like many parts of Metro Manila, have suffered from a conflict of interest that, in turn, is nothing more than apparent, undeserved construction on watercourse—like the resulting from years of the local government's neglect and abuse now evident like a broken record. Like the rest of Metro Manila, there's no urban planning to speak of.

In the meantime, the lives of local politicians amidst whose watch the environment deteriorated in the first place are plastered all over these coastal towns. Even those fed herb will even have at their disposal. Do funds the national government is releasing for the rehabilitation.

You hope that this calamity results in, at the very least, greater awareness of people that come election time, their politicians' genuine commitment to the environment is a make or break issue. The environment comes first...before the politicians' and's four-carat diamond ring.

FRIDAY yard at second home in Obando has been a mini-fishpond for years now

Finding our authentic selves

By Fr. Tito Caluag
Contributor

FOR FIVE Sundays, starting the last Sunday of July, we are taking the Gospel reading from John 6. We opened with the multiplication of the loaves and fish, and for the rest of the four Sundays we will have the discourse on the bread of life. John 6 is a defining moment in the ministry and mission of Christ.

This Sunday we see the people's reaction to Christ's declaration and we see Christ's response to this reaction. It is a good story for us to use to reflect on our own way of reading, to our relevance in our life and the challenges these revelations pose.

To be honest, I had a more obvious other attitude for this Sunday but at some point I "abandoned" each article and started a new one. These "abandoned" articles became too long and convoluted. This choice is how difficult it is to present this issue in a clear and concise manner.

Allow me to suggest three thoughts to reflect on. The three are one. Christ's declaration of the truth of his identity and mission; two, the people's reaction, which are "murmuring" and the "put downs"; and third, Christ's response with authority to the issue, showing deeper fidelity to his authentic self.

The declaration of Christ clearly states his identity as the bread that came down from heaven to satisfy all hungers and thirsts and to grant eternal life. He constantly sets the moral condition to be his followers: to follow Christ is a God-given inspiration.

Christ sets very clear standards, clear because they are rooted in the truth of his redeemer self as the beloved son of God and the bread of life. He places this at the center of the followers' life: the bread of life, the Eucharist as the center of the Christian's day to day life. The Eucharist as a sacrament, yes, but for this, the Christ is the bread of life and mission given to us by Christ himself.

'Bulong' brigade

The second point is the reaction of the people. There is a term for the "murmuring" in the vernacular that expresses the insidious, avoided effect of this emotion, the bulong (whisper, murmur) brigade.

The bulong brigade connotes intrigue and malice. Those who engage in it hide behind anonymity and secrecy. It is hard to deal with the bulong brigade because they play by unclear rules or no rules at all.

This is one of the attractions and dangers of the internet, of the social network media. People can engage in another form of bulong brigade. While they may remain anonymous, they may hide behind acronyms or, worse, a false identity.

The "put-down" reaction reveals the bias and prejudice people have in dealing with people who speak the truth. Perhaps the truth disturbs their equanimity or false sense of peace. Many times people accept the messenger as the truth, but because of the discomfort they reject everything and throw the baby out with the bath water.

It is the classic fallacy of "ad hominem." If the argument is too compelling, attack the person; if the message is so powerful, kill the messenger.

The response of Christ to these murmurs touches us well that when we face adversity we have two basic choices: to give in to the pressure or to define ourselves more deeply and deeply.

As I shared in a previous article, the victims of Typhoon Ondoy and during his funeral three almost 27 years ago, with reference to Don Quixote, "If you all or somebody, they will re... they crush you or use you among the stars."

Let me invite you to further reflect on this last and third point. With your kind indulgence, allow me to reflect a lesson the personal experience.

I had disengaged just a few weeks ago from a major project I was asked to take part in. Moreover, even to go into the details, but to make a long short, I fell victim to the bulong brigade. Worse than this bulong brigade strategy made me realize that while I had seemed to move on from a similar experience over six years ago, the pain of the wounds inflicted then and now sent me into days of depression.

One of the things on my spiritual director taught us was that while God and his mission do not expect us to be free of personal issues and concerns, the ministry asks us to first understand deeply the personal issues and concerns we are going through. As no one, I think, saw the pain I was going through for several days.

The same spiritual director also taught us that when we go through these down-swings, it is important to stay with the feeling. The more we distract ourselves from it, the more of the pain I went through, God made his loving providential presence felt.

One early morning as I was walking around praying the rosary, I read a small poster hanging in my bedroom. It was a gift of the parents' organization of the Ateneo High School for my birthday 15 or 16 years ago. It was a song they composed and sang at my birthday celebration, which accentuated the Ateneo de Manila as Jesuit Institution I had ever joined for their sons.

Lovingly, providentially present

This started my opening. It was this small poster I had with me, hanging either in an office of mine or now in my bedroom, that made me realize this current grace of my life. God is a God who is lovingly, providentially present all the time.

This was the same grace that made me start, in 2005, my journey back to my mission to form teachers, the journey that led me out of Ateneo and out of being a dean to do the work I do now with the Salesian Youth Ministry.

Then a few days later, as I was working out something for the daughter of a friend in Ateneo, the secretary of the office I had to contact sent word that her son, the young boy I had helped raise for son in the grade school whom I was headmaster, had graduated from the Ateneo college. I was rather tired that year, and without a full scholarship he needed would have great difficulty sending his two children, a boy and a girl, to good schools.

Then a few days ago, my very first message from a student I helped, again with your kind indulgence, I quote it here: "Thank you, Sir, for your prayers. I look at you and am amazed that not one corner of your idealism and belief in dreams has been diminished, despite... life. Just as you awakened that in me 10 years plus ago, you now help keep it alive decades hence. Thank you, Sir. I pray I can do your trust justice someday."

In our moments of pain and doubt, God has a special way of making his loving, providential presence felt. During moments like this, you experience human pain and suffering, yet the power of God's loving, providential presence is at its best.

The experience has clarified for some issues and deepened my dedication to this mission to build caring communities in our school and to have teachers, supervisors and principals who will love their students unconditionally and live their calling as teachers as a mission inspired by Christ.

"If you talk at windmills, they will either crush you or cast you among the stars." Choosing to values on the mission, to talk at windmills, is one level of freedom. To choose to be crushed or to be cast among the stars is another, greater freedom, a deeper and broader level of freedom—the freedom God entrusts more and more to God.

Other ways to help

SOUTH JUST took millions of you text to the Philippine Red Cross, packed relief goods, and raided your closet for T-shirts (blankets and clothes to give. Don't stop there, here are more ways to help!

Take action

Any Philippine Red Cross chapter: Visit http://www.redcross.org.ph for a location nearest you.

Schools. Universities and high schools like Ateneo, De La Salle, Colegio San Agustin-Makati, DLSU, UST and San Beda are accepting donations as well as volunteers to help pack relief goods.

Philippine Daily Inquirer: We are also accepting donations (canned goods, water, medicine, blankets and blankets) for immediate relief. Simply drop them off at the Inquirer office at 5006 Chino Roces Ave., corner Mascardo and Pasay Sts., Makati.

At the mall. Add a few clean packs of underwear, towels and blankets to your shopping trash and leave them at the concierge of any Ayala or Megaworld mall. SM Megamall's event center is also collecting donations.

Fastfood coin banks. Jollibee Foods Corp. (Jollibee, Chowking, Greenwich, Red Ribbon and Mang Inasal) are accepting cash donations via Jollibee Foundation coin banks located on the counters at various branches.

Twitter. Rhiel Wales starts relaying along canned goods, bottled water and clothes when you can't

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your evening. McDonald's restaurants are also accepting donations.

Price's Cement for a Cause on Aug. 13. Featuring plant drag queens paired with their owning's favors, the P250 admission door charge will be donated to the monsoon victims. Donations in kind are also welcome. Check our #Evening DownInCementfor2012 on Twitter for more info.

Door to Donate at Time-Xcam Bros. On Aug. 11, Wet Xcam Bros's fitness branches (Ayala Triangle, Serendra and Alabang Town Center) will be donating 100 per cent of their net proceeds to the Philippine Red Cross.

Lilia's Sweet Ribbons. As part of Lilia's 15th anniversary, it will be donating 15 percent of its sales to flood victims. In the meantime, their branches are also dropping off points for any donations in kind you may have.

Treats for Hearts. Last month of Treats for Hearts announced on his website that all proceeds from members-the-odd on the day of the concert will be donated to aid flood victims.

Chocolate milk tea. Dropping off your donations at selected Chia Tea outlets tea shops will not only earn you their thanks, you'll get a cup of their yummy milk tea on the house. Check Chia Tea's Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/chiateaphilippines) for a list of participating shops.

Looking for more? Visit the InPH1.com (http://www.inph1.com) that has a comprehensive list that is constantly updated.

THE MONEYED Binondo Chinese go to Makati to shop on weekends "because there's no place to go here," says Kevin Tan of Lucky Chinatown's target market.

"We took a risk," says Kevin Tan of Megaworld's decision to build a giant shopping mall in a known bargain area.

'Lucky' luxury mall set to redefine Chinatown

Megaworld's mammoth development seeks to upgrade the Sangley enclave to world-class standards

By Cherie V. Hosal

THE PLAN was to build a huge bargain shopping place that would attract all the popular thrift, wholesale haunts in the neighborhood. Those from home, and what sees no one whole block on Reina Regente Street in the heart of Binondo has indeed eclipsed every structure in its vicinity. But it wasn't the discounts behemoth originally planned that opened last February, but a posh, multilevel mall that like nudge to its supporting different, one that's never before seen in this area."

The five-level Lucky Chinatown, interconnected by bridge walkways to Megaworld Corp., the developer of Lucky Chinatown shopping mall. "Chinatown is a known bargain area, but outdoor, we felt that we ought to do something different, one that's never before seen in this area."

The five-level Lucky Chinatown, interconnected by bridge walkways to Megaworld's twin-tower residential condo, Cityplace, has a supermarket, food cinemas, a food court, an appliance center, a kids' center, a fashion hall, a host of dining, service and retail shops previously seen only in upscale malls in Makati.

The mall will have its grand opening on Aug. 15, with President Aquino as guest of honor.

Next month, it will also unveil its so-called Chinatown Walk, a gentrified Chinatown alley, with tenants selling exotic Chinese delicacies and street foods seen in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Chinese gold, ornaments and unique services like herbal doctors and suppliers for Chinese restaurants.

"That part of the plan was never changed," Tan said on a recent tour of the mall. "In any country, one of the most popular tourist destinations is the Chinatown. We wanted to raise the level of our Chinatown and make it according to world standards. In the existing Chinatown, there's no planning, there's traffic [jam] and no place to park. It's hard for pedestrians to get from one store to the next."

Megaworld's solution: To create a pedestrian-only mall, but bring in tenants from Duggie. "It has a lot of tenants. It's pedestrian-friendly, and we put 1,000 parking slots in the mall. The walkway is even covered," Tan said.

Lucky Chinatown is also bringing in several institutions in Binondo into the mall, including University Santisimo, well-known for its Chinese business that can't be accommodated in the mall are located in Cityplace, like Gold's Gym, which is set to open soon.

LUCKY Chinatown's six-hall cinemas, one of which has 24 love seats called Emperor Twin Seats for couples.

MEGAWORLD CEO Andrew Tan also set aside something special for the Binondo of his childhood. His son Kevin is working good on that vision.

Something special

Tan's father, real estate tycoon and Megaworld CEO Andrew Tan, always wanted to build something special for the Binondo of his childhood, according to Teresa Pangan-Valentino, Megaworld's AVP for marketing and business development.

The 3-hectare location of Lucky Chinatown is considered a heritage site where two public high schools, Ateneo Sulayman and Jose Abad Santos, used to be. (When Megaworld acquired the property from the Manila city government in 2008, the developer relocated and built new structures for the two schools, also in Binondo.)

Lucky Chinatown sits smack on two main thoroughfares: Reina Regente on front and Ma. Elena in the back, which leads to Divisoria. The popular bargain place, Ilaf Mall, is right behind it.

Building the commerce area, however, was not that convincing potential tenants to sign up. There was understandably some resistance. Why build a high-end mall in a known bargain area where fakes and knockoffs abound?

"A lot of the tenants were afraid," Tan said. "But we assured them that we're targeting a separate market. These are not the ones who buy wholesale and sell the wares elsewhere or in the provinces. It's for the moneyed Chinese, those who go to shop in Makati."

Tenants, including Stores Specialists Inc. and Sogo Corp. (Booth Group), were pleasantly surprised at the response when they opened in February. Tan said its stores were tight.

"They see that there's a market for their brands here," said Tan. "The economics of this area is that they're well-off and they don't need to buy [cheap] stuff."

Serenity is right in the mall, with metal detectors at entrances and CCTV operators in place. Banks of guards per square area is high, according to Tan. "It's a mall in the middle of Binondo, we attract all markets. Any mall will always have a mix of customers, and we welcome all markets. We have both a food court and upscale restaurants. Everyone must feel secure."

Frustrated architect

SHF Architects designed the mall, but interiors, just like other Megaworld (already Malls, were done in-house. "I'm a frustrated architect," Tan said, grinning. "So you can see my personal touches," details that include recessed lighting, porcelain floorings and the like.

Though he believes in following certain auspicious dates (the grand launch on Aug. 15 is one, which is two days before the so-called "ghost month" begins), Tan isn't superstitious. Not a lot of feng shui came into play in the design and zoning of the mall. "We know the place is lucky. I believe the basics of feng shui, but the tenants also do their own. They bring their own geomancers, whether they're Chinese or not. They said the entrances are positioned in very lucky directions."

Apart from basic services like mall and fast eatery, spas, and a barbershop, Lucky Chinatown also has a former resident curator of the Land Transportation Office. One of its tenants is Bill, which has a Toy Kingdom, manchyman and an Appliance Center. Mevin Gaisano runs the supermarket. One cinema has 24 love seats.

Like other Megaworld malls, this one is pet-friendly, and has a pet-grooming station.

Signages are both in English and Chinese. Proof that you're not in swanky Makati anymore, there are markers leading to potluck and jeepney stands.

Megaworld's type of branding is to make its malls distinct from one another, down to the names. (It also has Eastwood, Newport, Bonifacio Circle and SlexValley Hills.) "We don't want to be the kind of developer that just replicates," Tan said. "That works for certain developers. . . We love to play with outdoor seating. We love to use indoor-outdoor areas. Every mall has its own story. Every location has to have its own identity, so the details have to be completely different."

As for the naming of the Binondo mall, Tan explained: "A lot of people come to Chinatown to find luck, like charms, etc. This is supposed to be an auspicious location. It is for us, and for our retail clients as well."

French envoy swears, 'It's more fun in Cebu!'

Cebu Cebu

Janice Ficarra

MICHEL LHUILLIER, honorary consul of France in the Visayas, and Ambassador Liliane Lhuillier hosted a grand celebration for France's National Day at the ballroom of the Marco Polo Plaza Hotel.

In Cebu for the occasion was French Ambassador Gilles Garachon, who had also visited Cebu last May. It was another occasion for him to meet the French community here, and renew acquaintances with Cebuano friends.

Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia graced the occasion and sat at the presidential table with Ambassador Garachon, Consul Lhuillier, Marguerite Lhuillier, Ambassador Francisco Benedicto, and Rep. Cecile del Mar, who was escorted by her father, former Rep. Raul del Mar.

Also at the presidential table were Marco Polo's general manager Rene Haour with his wife Bo Haour, plus Glenn and Rosary Lang, she being a member of the board of directors of Alliance Française de Cebu (AFC).

From the AFC were director Louis Thevenin with his wife Rimerjiet Seiota Thevenin, deputy director Juliette Blonde, project manager Mary Anne Ferraguta with Alexander Buenagua, and the faculty of the AFC.

Among them were Elise Thellauer, Quentin Gerlappe, Marion Dones, Ludwig Kupfer, Chloe Labadene, Charlene Montserrat, Estelle Brissaud and Matthias Sabon.

The Shaza Polo ballroom was decorated with numerous French kitsch features of red, white and blue hanging from the ceiling. One whole wall had a mural of the 3,750 storming of the Bastille fortress in Paris (among those liberated was the Marquis de Sade) and the emblematic words "Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite."

First to speak was Consul Michel Lhuillier who complimented Ambassador Garachon for his presence and his support for AFC of which Michel is president, then he acknowledged the beautiful decor of the hall and thanked Shaza Haour's bet.

Consul Lhuillier announced that AFC is now in its new location at Lk Makati Bare. That is also the name of a French gourmet restaurant that opened last Aug. 9, with two French chefs.

FRANCE'S honorary consul in the Visayas Michel Lhuillier, Rimperio Lhuillier and French Ambassador Gilles Garachon

'Wonderful'

"It's wonderful to be here," said Ambassador Garachon. "Paris of all, it is always fun in Cebu! We should have the embassy here." He expressed his gratitude to AFC's Louis Thevenin and Juliette Blonde for their dedication to the cause of diffusing French language and culture.

Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia amused everyone with an anecdote in her speech. Did she wish when she said that the first time Cebuanos encountered French people was in 1521? That's when Magellan came to Cebu.

"There were 11 Frenchmen in the crew," said Governor Garcia, who went on to say that after Magellan was killed (Magellan sleeping the first month) the Spanish expedition led by Juan Sebastian de El Cano returned to Spain minus the 11 Frenchmen who decided to remain in Cebu. "That's why we're a bit French."

Everyone stood for the national anthems, sung a capella. Simone Lemieux rendered the complete version of France's "La Marseillaise" in positively enunciated French. Her sister Rita Lemieux sang the Philippine anthem in Tagalog. They were applauded.

Dinner was served buffet-style. A nicely supervised by the hotel's food and beverage director Stephan Wiegrick, and the new executive chef Karl Reiter who personally cleaned the Steak Tartare with a dozen condiments. The French specialty "Coq au Vin" (and superlatives), as did the Canadian oysters. French cheeses galore, and an array of tempting desserts.

Entertainment was provided by the Voices of Praise with the Sweeney sisters. They presented a lively repertoire. So did the scholars of the Auparin Lhuillier Educational Foundation, which features six fine performing arts in the University of San Jose-Recoletos.

Mila Espina, who handles the foundation's, made sure the songs were well-chosen, as that when they sang Cole Porter's "C'est Magnifique," it just about summed up the successful celebration. Mila had also brought a former scholar, Anton Fogi, who has become an entertainment singing sensation. She brought the house down with her take on Barbra Streisand hits.

Dancing followed, started by Michel and Amparito with Ambassador Garachon joining in, as well as Margie Lhuillier, Greg and Agnes Hartled, Dedel and May Erard, Bob and Jinkie Oliver, Glenn and Rosary Lang, Mila Deamiello and Baby Schnap.

A new session of French language lessons opened at AFC on Aug. 6 with schedules to suit everyone's fame tastes. "More than anything else," said Louis Thevenin, "We offer classes online, especially to prepare those who'd like to work in the French speaking areas of Canada."

They need to speak, read and write in French, and AFC has online students from all over the Philippines. Recently, Alliance Française de Cebu produced 100 competent students who successfully passed the DELF exams.

That stands for "Diplome d'etudes en Langue Francaise." The diploma is recognized by France's Ministry of Education. AFC will organize the next DELF session in November.

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For the Monsoon Relief Fundraising Fashion Show, all are encouraged to come in RP colors

TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

WATER has once again showed its mighty force, and we have felt its wrath over the past weeks. It's a good thing the Pinoy is waterproof and can weather any storm.

As the nation recovers from the deadly floods, it's heartening to see relief efforts from everywhere pouring in. The Philippine Daily Inquirer has teamed up with the Philippine Red Cross to reach out to the more than two million people affected by the recent disaster.

Red Cross Governor Corinna Cruz-Bautista has organized a relief center in White Space along Pasong Tamo Avenue. Together with Monique Villanueva, several volunteers have packed canned goods, water and other donations over the weekend.

Through our Assistant (0) '81 Fernández and Friends of Hope, thousands of bottles of water have been sent to Assumption College and PAC in White Space for distribution. These special water bottles are called "Hope in a Bottle," with proceeds going to building new public school classrooms.

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY TESSA

PRETTY volunteers Cris Villonco and Chelo Bascaro

WHITE Space owner Monique Villanueva inviting kid volunteers Ika-Isla Pineda, Rocsana Lumicao, Kalya Zobel and Hermes

PHILIPPINE Red Cross Governor Corinna Cruz-Bautista and Martin Pelaez packing sacks of rice

HELPING hands Blanka Perez-Legarda and Ronald Puno with other volunteers at White Space

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SMART
LIVE MORE

Time to pitch in and lend a hand—even if the Pinoy is waterproof

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Better education

Launched by Friends of Hope, a nonprofit organization that aims to empower students through holistic education, "Hope in a Bottle" contains 500 ml of purified drinking water and is priced like existing products in the market.

Led by advocates Kamora Medrod-Po and product endorser Bea Rhonda, "Hope in a Bottle" was launched early this year at Bonny Singers Basement in Ermita-Manila. Bottles are available in leading groceries and supermarkets.

Entertainment personalities Joey de Leon, Jericho Rosales, Winnie Monsod and Bea Alonzo have also joined the drive's "thirst campaign," endorsed by celebrities who are products of public schools. They have volunteered their star power for free in order to help "Hope in a Bottle."

There are so many other volunteer relief efforts that it is impossible for me to name them all. One fun fashion fundraiser is the Monsoon Relief Fundraising Fashion Show, to be held Aug. 17 at The Train in Alphaland Southgate Mall, the Shoplate battleship along Chino Roces Ave. (formerly Makati). My cousin Kianna Santos is organizing this fashionable event for a cause.

Monsoon's designers include Ursjay Thoreson, John Paran, Pito Gladdu Perez, Eric de los Santos, Tina Ramirez, Jay Ventajaset, Liezl Bautista, Ulysses Ilag and Jimmy by Edmar Legal Accessories. Their collections will be showcased and pieces sold to raise funds for affected families in Makati.

All are encouraged to come in Philippine flag colors in show our patriotism. Sisters would like to thank her sponsors, Dale Lights & Audio, Swarovski, Uno Asia, Cinelinga, Dreamladies Media Bar and Nicholas Catering.

'Three-Pete'

It's been a crazy week indeed. Thank God my Cebu Pacific flight home after the Cobra Ironman 70.3 in Cebu was not canceled.

I was amazed that Pete Jacobs completed a "Three-Pete," winning the event three straight times. No finishing line, just over four hours, is just a little over my time of 4:02. The only difference is that Pete's time is for the entire swim, bike and run, while mine is only for the bike leg, which I did as part of Team Team Valdez.

The 90K bike leg went from Shangri-La Mactan over the Marcelo Fernan Bridge to the South Reclamation of Cebu, and bikers were beset by headwinds throughout. It didn't help that I had on my pink tri-a little slow now that a rain doesn't affect running, but is a huge drag while biking.

Further affecting my aerodynamics was the glass filling that enabled my bike frame, aerodynamically added by Adrenalin Manufacturing Philippines Inc. I even put a small bell on my bike, similar to the ones we used to have on our "Easy Rider" bikes. Yes, my bike was all about form and not about function.

Team Team Valdez was definitely best dressed, with our black-and-pink outfits, and my thanks from Rudy Project, Nalu by Onanda and Lenox emceeing when we exited, Bryan Pinto, finished the race and we all scattered our finishers' medals designed by Kenneth Cobonpue. The family that sits together, bonds together.

See wonderful photos and details of a true Ironman champ, check the blog of Ted plus-ex Kathleen O'Halloran. Any people his name and you'll find it. Great tips and pics.

One of my favorite Ironman champs is Belinda Granger from Australia, who calmed third this year. She has so many races and wins, and inspires me to try to get back to doing the events Ironman myself next year. Will it be goodbyes to Timex Team Valdez? We shall see.

BEST DRESSED Timex Team Valdez, Dennis Valdez, Sea Princess and Bryan Prieto

STRONG and pretty Ironman finishers Nervoso Oleg, Jaynie Pizarro and Sen. Pia Cayetano

WOMAN Champ Jaime Jacobs, Belinda Granger, Sea Princess and 1st Place Pete Jacobs

FIRST Pinoy female elite Monica Torres between young finishers at Ironman Cebu

THREE Team Valdez in transition with Dennis Valdez passing chip to Sea Princess

WOMAN Philippines beautiful Dyrenga

WOMAN Age Grouper 1st Place Avi de Leon-Brown and baby Dash

SEA PRINCESS passing by Cebu Daily News building

WOMAN Finishers Erwan Hussuff, newly engaged couple Michael Bond and Amanda Cope, Lars Persson and Donna Dimler

L&L TIMBANCO Ian Sj Lumicao, Liza and Elbert Cuenca, Arlene Valdez, Philip Co-Unjieng, Elmer Dolorosa, Sea Princess and Rumika Tubbs

L&L TIMBANCO guests Rhiane and Lisa Jennings

MAKATI Shangri-La Mactan GM Reto Blumer and Ironman Philippines organizer and Sunrise Events EVP Nicasio Quiros

HOPE in a Bottle team Maestro Medrod-Po, Bea Rhonda and Enrique Gomez Jr.

PAMPERED before the start of Cobra Ironman at Mactan Shangri-La Resort & Spa in Cebu

Cross-training

Training can be grueling but yoga is a wonderful "cross-training" activity. There are quite a number of yoga centers in the city and one of them is Bliss Yoga.

Bliss Workshops and Intensives are yoga sessions launched by Rolando de la Cruz, Ulman Blumer and Monique Borja to help one get better strength, focus and balance. On Aug. 23-25, world-renowned yoga instructor and Power Yoga founder Bryan Kest will conduct a two-day workshop at the Rockwell Center, Makati, for all yoga enthusiasts.

A well-rounded floating asana practice will be studied as well as keynotes on basic philosophies and fundamentals of yoga. Call 0917-5042015, or e-mail inquiry@blissyogamanila.com for details.

Bliss Yoga founder Roland is also hosting the Hip Global Manitoba this coming Sept. 1. Check out his website www.myglobalmanitoba.com for more information about his journey. Imari Affinity is one of the sponsors of this project, part of the lifestyle programs it brings to its subscribers.

Must-see Cirque

Speaking of fun, the Cirque du Soleil is back in Manila with its signature production, "Saltimbanco." The limited run is only until Aug. 19 at the Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City, and is a definite must-see.

My two girls, Aurelia and Athena, loved the circus clowns, music and fabulous stunts. It was a classic Cirque show, from the sublime contortionists to the heart-stopping trapeze acts. For tickets, visit www.ticketnet.com.ph and www.smtickets.com.

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FOREIGN Ironman triathletes on the bike, with Cebuano schoolkids cheering them on

BOSS Yoga owner Roland de la Cruz

BLING Iskot designers Marwan and Myra Cruz of Asherie Graphics with daughter Maica

BOSS Studio director Roland de la Cruz and Monique Borja

POWER Yoga founder Bryan Kest with his dog, Bounty

CIRQUE guests Chito and Anna Salenga

BEST endorser Ruffa Gutierrez and Bela Medical group's Dr. Vicki Belo

RUFFA with daughters Venice and Lorin Gutierrez-Bolivar

RUFFA with parents Eddie Gutierrez and Annabelle Rama

JOEL del Prado with Richard, Zoilo, Dito and Richie Paul Gutierrez

Gate-crashers mar fabulous joint birthday bash of Cristalle and Ruffa

POPULAR COSMETIC surgeon Dr. Vicki Belo hosted an awesome birthday bash for her gorgeous daughter Cristalle Rivaneva and Ruffa Gutierrez, Bela Medical Group's endorser, yesterday.

An usual, top corporate managing consultant and one maker Jojie Dingcong conceptualized the grand shindig with the assistance of Ruffa's younger brothers, Raymond Gutierrez, and PR head Marilen Walker.

Arneenia Restaurant and Bar in Tagaytay City was a garden of red peonies and tulips, some of the flowers forming a huge letter B for Bela, match, designed by florist Robert Manuallay, dahlings.

In accordance with the theme "Fire and Ice," a "I ♥ Swarovski" zone was set up, glittering in the pink lights.

Jojie planned the dinner menu with Arneenia. There were four food stations: a country salad bar, fresh lumpia station, noodle bar and the popular pichon station, courtesy of Ruffa's vivacious mom Annabelle Rama, on fire, who had invites flown in from from Cebu.

All food was drowned with overflowing champagne and other drinks.

An AHP-showed Ruffa kicking off her fabulous for Humanity project in Payatas and relaunching her Real-a-Child Foundation.

Then, celebrant Ruffa made her grand entrance, wearing a fabulous white gown.

Cristalle hosted the event with Raymond G. She herself was welcomed with wild applause by power players of the show biz, fashion and modeling.

Everything went smoothly till head whispers were around that three untreated personalities had gate-crashed the affair and entered to mingle with the twosome while oinks habitually helping themselves to the food and the champagne.

One of Ruffa's friends went up to them and politely asked them to leave. Well, two of them discreetly left while the other one stayed still behind, until s/he was asked to leave again. That person stomped out of the venue.

How chick-licced can one get? Ah hala, dahlings? Uh well.

Then there was this emcee-upon-a-time host couple, but upon a joint and a half had a bad overdosing, after which I went to one half of the couple.

During the dinner, not mentioned here the two avoided each other like the plague, so I went up to one of them and asked, "How come you both are not even greeting each other?"

In unison the two friend couldn't stand the other for hiding to make a convenience. "I couldn't wait like forever, so I said, 'Get out of my life.'" Ouch!

Ahead of the many palengkes, after two years of togetherness and nothing is decided to make your relation permanent, meaning, "marriage," it's time to say goodbye and move on. It's so, yes?

The bash got on a roll when Bela Medical Group's nine applicators, Botched app, had every one playing little games by "Shakeying" their phone. Even not got into the action and heard what I saw of myself after "Belofication." Check out the Apple app store to download the Botched App, palengkes.

Looking at Ruffa, we know innocently that this former beauty queen is so tough as "ice" and hot as "fire!" The essence of a real Belo beauty, palengkes.

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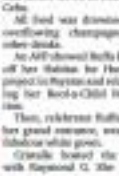

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More turbulence ahead for Robert Pattinson

STUDIO FULLIE, stubborn and sensual are all keywords that best describe Robert Pattinson, who was born under the Sun sign of Taurus. Under this cycle, the combining relationship issues which are plaguing him are part of a karmic journey due to Saturn having passed through his zone of love affairs over three past few months. His personal difficulties will continue into 2013. After 2014, Pattinson's personal and professional affairs should start to see a much better state of affairs.

Aries

This has potential to be one of the most romantic periods in your life. You may discover the great love of your life—or you might just enjoy the feeling of being in love with love. Money matters ought to be in a good way too, but the testing of the two is not advisable as Mars and Venus move to their eight angles.

Taurus

This is a time of new beginnings in your life, and love will take a high priority in your life just now. You need to be more aggressive, going for what you want. If you're prepared to be more of a risk-taker, you may find that life gets just a little bit more exciting!

Gemini

It is a fortunate week for you with the Moon and Jupiter creating excellent opportunities to improve your spiritual and emotional well-being. Connections made now should add a positive quality to your life, and this could be the start of great things in terms of your relationships. You mustn't live life too extremely.

Cancer

Seemingly small changes in your personal life will have very big implications for others. Sex, money and health could be the focus for all this, and it's a time for decisions that must be made even if you alternate others. Stand up now for what you want and believe in.

Leo

You should be shining this week with the Sun transiting your zodiac sign of Leo. You are obviously energized and ready to achieve a lot during the coming week or two. Once you overcome the frustrating elements of Mars and Saturn, which has been holding you back in some areas of your life, there will be nothing stopping you from achieving your goals. This is the start of great things.

Virgo

Friendships will occupy much of your attention during the coming days, but you must be careful not to allow sentimentality to cloud your judgment. By acting on impulse and carnal desire, you overlook some important key elements of personality. Once you commit, you'll be stuck with the bad as well as the good. Take your time.

Libra

At last, you can breathe a sigh of relief as the intensity of Mars and Saturn will start to diminish shortly. This leaves you free to pursue your dreams which you may have been suppressing for the sake of satisfying others. Now that this strain has reached its peak, you can start to please yourself.

Scorpio

You may not yet have the means to fulfill some of your life goals, but this week is certainly a time when you can see the doors opening. By achieving a degree of financial or professional pressures, you can once again refocus on those things you love, and in particular the people in your life who mean the most to you.

Sagittarius

Whatever remaining bad habits you have will want to be indulged for the last time. The planets causing you to behave this way will shortly withdraw their detrimental energies. Good for you. Turning over a new leaf will allow many different aspects of your life be the better.

Capricorn

With the presence of sensitive Venus in your zone of marriage and personal relationships, you can expect the coming week or two to be full of wonderful emotional surprises. A relationship that may have stalled can now get back on track. Take care not to allow obsessive behavior to ruin a good thing.

Aquarius

Being overly generous with someone you think you love could actually backfire now as you reduce your value in their eyes. Balancing give-and-take would be the key issue if you are going to have a fulfilling relationship that works both ways. Materials are now's bought appeals until you understand the situation better.

Pisces

You should be feeling quite happy with yourself just now as positive planets activate key areas of your horoscope. This means romance, friendship and, most importantly, your sense of self-esteem will be pushing at this time of the year. Ride the wave while you can and enjoy sharing the positive energy with the ones you love.

DenDeChi Toh

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Is he the right man for me?

Now that I have a boyfriend who's Pisces (March 14, 1981), it's like I suddenly want a permanent relationship, but I'm too scared to put hurt. I want to know if he's the right man for me. Please help me. Thank you!—A, Manila

In the absence of your birth date or star sign, I can only give you a little information on the man based on his birth date. It's no doubt he's a generous nature but is also subject to that of an indecisive nature. You must be aware that he needs more maturity before he is ready to settle down. Take your time and study the practical side of the relationship before making a firm commitment. Good luck.

Regards,
DenDeChi

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Hope keeps the Filipino afloat

THE MONTAGE of photographs on my Facebook Wall over the last few days told the story of the savage brought about by the monsoon rains last week. There was hardly any need for words.

Awful shots taken by the Philippine Air Force and forwarded on the Inbetweenies group makes a view of how several provinces were inundated by the 700-plus millimeters of rain.

A haunting black-and-white photograph of the University of Santo Tomas taken at dusk was put side by side with the flooded and very sudden garden of UP Diliman, showing tourists that in the midst of calamity, serenity and beauty could still be found. Bubble fiesta was an album of photos of people from all walks of life doing basic acts, such as the Philippine Coast Guard hosting the despair and weariness of seniors, and getting out on a limb to save women, children and the elderly precariously perched on roofings.

ROOTS AND WINGS

Cathy Babao-Cabahug

Floods, like death, are a great leveler. This was humorously pointed out in a New York Times article, which described a scene in Manhattan:

"...[A]s were line of slow-moving evacuees could be seen on Thursday afternoon making their way from a submerged neighborhood to higher ground. In one large, colorful inflatable boats sail on a 12-year-old boy playing a Playstation Portable on his 30-year-old sister carried an infant dressed in immaculate white footie pajamas.

"Having been stranded for days on the second floor of their home near the river, their panic decided that it was time to move in with relatives until the water subsided. Surrounded by inundated shacks and grinding poverty, the clean, well-dressed children were completely dry in the large toy sail, which was pulled by one shirtless, stern-faced grim expression. Inside them were neatly packed designer suitcases and backpacks."

Only in the Philippines!

Generosity

But there were corners of generosity.

According to online news site Rappler, a poor man whose house was situated between the posh villages of La Vista and Loyola Grand Villas, opened his home to a single mother with six children. "Hindi pare-pareho naman tayong mahihirap e di magmalasakit na lang," he explained.

Meanwhile, last Aug. 8, 23,000 prisoners at the state penitentiary gave their dry rice so that the money could be donated to the flood victims.

Meanwhile, students of the Technical College of the Caribbean and hospitality students worked overnight to cook and prepare some 30,000 packages that were later distributed to evacuation centers in Marikina.

In Makati, restaurateur Margarita Fores was moved to tears after her client canceled an event that she was catering for and donated that the food, which had already paid for, be given to flood victims instead.

Gabriel Cibo by the way, will donate 25 percent of its sales from all branches to flood victims on Aug. 22, the restaurant's 14th anniversary.

Yellow Flower of Kawayan Negra mall did the same. Last Aug. 8, proceeds from its cute sales went to flood victims.

The floods show that Filipino generosity is alive and well

In whatever way, people did what they could, with whatever talents or resources they had, to help our brothers in ways as one, the job in clicking a mouse to make an online donation or pledge, or rolling one's sleeves up to pack bags in a relief center, or cooking meals and peddling canned wares, people helped the victims.

Admittedly it was difficult to maneuver one's calm during the floods. But the show of heroism and generosity sparked whatever anxiety there was on people seeking shelter.

With the generous display of kindness and courage, we have been humbled and reminded that God is on the same boat with us. Amid calamities, we find Him in the smiles of people ravaged by the flood, in the courage of little children hanging on to dear life, in the photos that find beauty in flooded landscapes, in the brave men of the Coast Guard, in the prisoner who gave up his meal so that others could eat.

If there's one lesson we learn so little, can give as much of themselves, show how much more a superseed from us who have been blessed and spared from the ravages of the floods? The rain has slowly subsided, as he's not. It's the Philippines, hope is in what ways allow, keeping in shows the realms. And by His grace, we find hope in abundance everywhere and in everyone.

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The husband she adored turned out to have been disloyal

DEAR EMILY,

When my husband died over 15 years ago, I thought I was going to die myself. We were married for over 20 years and never had children. He was the considered, most generous, thoughtful husband any woman can have. In his memory, I established a scholarship for poor children in his hometown

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EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Mercado

who'd want to pursue vocational training.

One day while having an innocent lunch with the wife of our lawyer, her younger (10-year) and told me that my husband's "children" were growing up looking more like him. Seeing my shock and horror at this revelation, she finally confessed that he had a mistress with whom he had three children.

I was crushed! The man whom I worshipped beyond his death turned out to be a beast like any other. I immediately removed all his pictures in the house, changed his scholarship to my parent's names, and completely erased his existence from my life. I am so thankful we didn't have children of our own. This way, I have no one to protect from his disloyalty but myself.

I can never forgive him for what he did to me.

SCORNED

Never is always the operative word that comes after a painful experience. And it seems to be such a harsh word where no light can enter.

Never! As in never ever till kingdom come! Who do you pray to and what do you pray for when you never cease praying to die? Do you ever ask for forgiveness from the Almighty? Or do you believe you're not going to be in a position to ask for one?

Sure, your departed husband did you bad. He was disloyal in every sense of the word. But didn't you yourself glow over him and, above all having him canonized in Rome, say he was "the greatest, most generous, thoughtful husband any woman can have?"

Didn't he make sure you'd have enough when he died? Doubly more than enough for one person to live on. Clearly, he never subjected you to anything that would garner you or make you miserable.

Come him to high heavens if you must. Call him every despicable name and adjective you can think of. But, don't you think he would have left you for this manner who gave him the children he wanted, if he didn't love you more than enough? You were useless to him for not bearing his children and perpetuating his genes. But the fact that you were producing him to high heavens was insignificant to him being a great husband during your marriage—nevertheless.

This is not to condone his having a second family, but from his perspective as a man, he probably fumigated to have children and his duties. Sadly, what grows that he was in this planet once upon a time. He just became this weak, conceited, self-serving human being—much like the rest of us mortals—who needed to see copies of himself, that's all.

After weighing all his plausible reasons for this horrible act, and after your bruised pride has eased and you've calmed down, move on, spend all his money, and then forgive him.

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Our native 'slanguage'

Gay lingo is a secret code; even the person being referred to won't recognize it

A SMOF be obvious by now, I have rediscovered the top shelf of my Filipiniana cabinet and am enjoying my stash of old dictionaries. After Spanish and Chinese loan words, it is now our own Filipino slang.

It was not much of a surprise to read that the majority originated with the Pinoy gays who are "swing," "Silaverz," Bardy and relatives. I have segregated all possibly offensive terms on sex, drug addiction and prison so that all sensitivities can safely join the fun.

"Mother" alone has so many variations. The slang term refers to a person, unrelated to the other by blood, who is respected for being sensible. Marlon is "mudir," "mamak," "arnac," "madre in," "madir," "madid" and "madrac." "Father" is "paderasyo" or "baderio Jo." That "papa" is altogether different—a patron, a lover, a sugar daddy. The female counterpart is "amacorra de manta."

"Gale" is a term of endearment for an old or young, female or male person in

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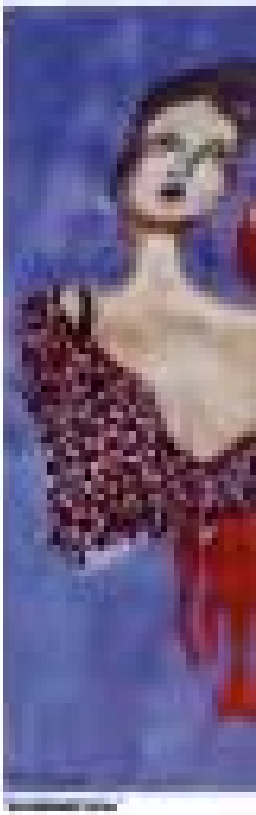

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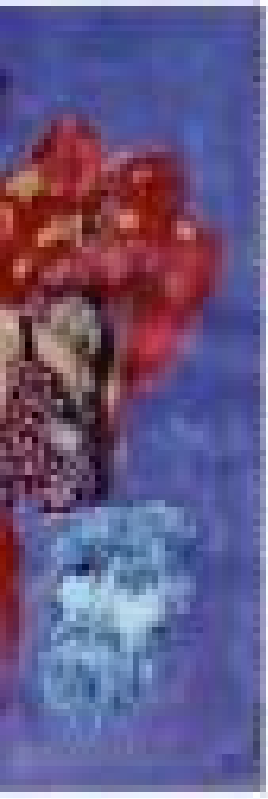

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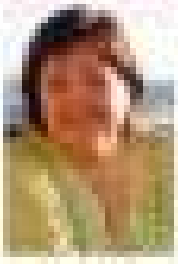
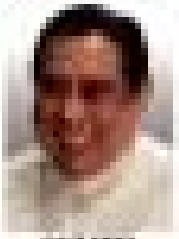


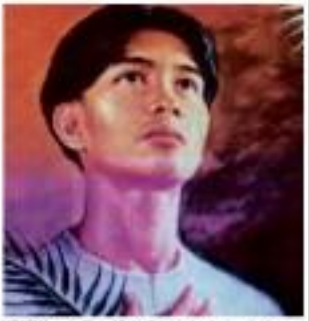
As the height of this recent deluge we shared our thoughts through virtually



'With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I relinquished to love, 'Do it on your phone'

Filipinos in Rome to hold Triduum of Masses for Calungsod canonization

Pontifical Right has been accorded the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, a semicontemplative order established in 1966 in the Archdiocese of Caceres



VISAYAN martyr Blessed Pedro Calungsod, to be canonized on Oct. 21 in Rome

BLESSED PEDRO Calungsod will be canonized in Rome on Oct. 21 with six others, mostly founders of religious orders, and Blessed Kateri, set to become the first American Indian saint.

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Barung

Diocesan Filipino workers and migrants in Rome, led by Ambassador to the Vatican Mercy Tuason, will attend a Triduum of Masses on Oct. 16, 4 p.m., at the Basilica di San Agostino; Oct. 19, 4 p.m., at Chiesa di Gesu; and Oct. 20, 4 p.m., at the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore.

Calungsod should be a role model for the Filipino youth. He was just 16 when he was martyred in Guam on April 2, 1672. The Jesuit archives in Rome describe him as a young migrant from the Visayas, a student, a catechist and missionary.

When canonized, Calungsod will become the second Filipino saint after San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila, who was martyred in Japan along with Dominican missionaries also in the 17th century.

Pilgrims from Philippines

Thousands of pilgrims from the Philippines, mostly Cebuanos, are travelling to Rome for the canonization.

Aklan's Travel leaves Manila on Oct. 9 on a Marian pilgrimage that will end in Rome in time for the canonization.

Another group, headed by Fr. Nestol Pacifico as chaplain, will leave on Oct. 18 on a pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo, Assisi, Venice, before going to Rome and coming back to Manila on Oct. 28.

(Call Dan at Rosscal at 3548100 or 3568100.)

Stage drama on Calungsod

In celebration of the life and martyrdom of Blessed Pedro Calungsod, writer-director Francis D. Villanueva is recasting the play "Pedro Calungsod: Batang Sugo" this August.

The play traces the life of the martyr as a young catechist and missionary in the Spanish mission to the Marianas Islands between 1668-1672 under the leadership of Jesuit priest Padre Diego Luis de San Vitores.

Calungsod served under the Jesuit priest until his death on April 2, 1672, in Tumhon Bay in Guam.

The production topbills seven stage thespians as well as promising new actors including R.R. Baguinog, Migul Moreno, Jean Figueroa, Robert Cuesta, Francis Lopez, Abel Inpacter, Yuwie Livayang, Tony Roma, Jasmeen Lee, Miguel Noegas, Richard Monahan.

Villacorta is also working on a film version of the martyr's life starring JM de Guzman, slated for release later this year. Interested parties may contact 0915-3020897, 6925-9512531, (0917-3181733 or 3248410.

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Pilgrimage to Krakow

Krakow in Poland was where Pope John Paul II served as archbishop before he became pope.

Now part of the itinerary is religious pilgrimages to Eastern Europe is John Paul's house in Wadowice, which is now a museum containing memories of the beloved pope.

The Krakow Cathedral inside the Wawel fortress and St. Mary's Church, famous for its baroque altar and 80-foot Marian images, are also part of the itinerary.

Here also lies the Convent Chapel of Saint Faustina to whom Christ had apparitions to propagate the Divine Mercy Movement ("Jesus, I trust in You").

Three groups of Filipino pilgrims are set to depart to Europe from the e visit of Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia and Hungary this Sept. 17 with Fr. Lambert Gagnejos; Sept. 24 with Fr. Blaise Garcia; and Oct. 9 with Fr. Mel Thomas.

Optional extension tours in Russia and Switzerland are available. For details, call Adam's Travel at 3222870.

Happy 108th birthday, Tita Josefa

The children of Josefa Dalisay from the United States and Canada will come home for her 108th birthday on Aug. 16.

My friend Carmelita Subia told me that her late Papa (Dr. Flavio V. Subia) was in the Cabinet of President Diosdado Macapagal and his contemporaries and other friends would be happy to know that her mother is still very much alive and well.

Whenever gifts and love offerings friends will give will go to the Daughters of Mary Immaculate whose foundress was the late Mother Mary Theresa Montes. It is a semicontemplative order established in 1966 in the Archdiocese of Caceres whose charism is making Our Lady known and loving Mother to all people through services to the young, elderly and the destitute.

Pontifical right

The religious order was recently granted the Pontifical Right by the Holy Father, effective Aug. 15. It now has convent houses in Manila, Antipolo, Bicol Region, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, Australia, the US and the Caribbean. Any assistance given directly to them is greatly appreciated.

The convent on St. Hidalgo St. in Quiapo is the Convent of the Holy Face.

Our Lady of Manaong to Guam

With the initial acceptance of General General Reynal Monginflot of the donation of Our Lady of Manaong to the Filipino community in Guam, the image will be brought to Guam on Aug. 16 via United Airlines by Jesse Icba Ocasio Yosi.

The image was brought here ever since 1630, at the last her own seat. The delegation to Guam includes the Perezvoice Chair Jose Dagot, Isabela, who will sing during the Holy Mass at St. Anthony and St. Victor Parish in Tamuning, Guam, on Aug. 16, 6 p.m.

Parish priest Msgr. Regulo Arroyo and assistant parish priest Fr. Karl Vila will welcome the Virgin of Manaong, together with the Federation of Dangsamoro.

Aug. 14 is the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a priest who offered to be killed in place of another in a German prison during the Second World War. During his lifetime, Fr. Kolbe printed the magazine "Immaculata" that encouraged devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

'Buen Suceso' shrine

Bishop Jose Mercado of Bataanque has declared St. Andrew Cathedral as the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Buen Suceso during the Pinta Mata on Aug. 10.

The image was entrusted to the beautifully decorated arroza with flowers donated by Allan Tengco.

The Pulgarcia family this year's Armance, engaged the "Dear Estrellas" to sing the "Gozos" surrounding the Virgin during the afternoon procession.

"Nave Gloi" were the vestments donated by the late Joey Bernales.

Leading the celebration were Bishop Mercado with parish priest Fr. Bolly Agustin and Fr. Roy Tandoloan, with the Cofradia del Nuestro Dolores del Buen Suceso. Hil Feliciano of Buen Suceso Incluyen also makes the vestments of "Nave Gloi" during the year.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Edna Bonnie D. Velarde

Grown kids abandon ailing entertainer

By the Entertainment Staff

AN APPEAL to aid ailing entertainer has been making the rounds online. Apparently, MC's loved ones are not willing to help in settling mounting medical bills.

A family squabble pushed the children, now grown-up, to turn their backs on Al.

A Loyal Colleague is now asking the netizens (and the public) to help Al in this down-at-need.

LC cautioned the kids to "forgive and forget." After all, they are in a position to be magnanimous as they've been financially blessed.

Spotted

Online reports are persistent. Marlene Hild was seen seated beside Bailey Rudio on a plane bound for Hong Kong.

Then again, the handlers of Hil and Al could only be fanning the flames because of a new project.

Curiously, Glamorous Bukaty, MC's ex-lover, has been sighted with Al' former boss.

What could they be concocting... eh, promoting? Hmmm.

Very public outing

Donna Diamond Celeb is now ready to face the music. And in a very public way at that.

DC was caught making out with Husky Model in the roller drop of a posh hotel. They couldn't get their hands off each other, according to eyewitnesses, and fellow diners murmured, "Get a room."

SARAH Lahbati

CC's High-flying Mom would rather have the not-so-secretive sweethearts keep a low profile, however.

Generous suitor

Cam Newbie struck out in wooing

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Grown...

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Gregorious Bimbo

CN gifted Oh with educational aim, but the girl was unimpressed. CN got the message and turned his attention to Uh' scissor rival, Percy Ingrisor.

It stole days! Oh gave Uh a bottle of expensive fragrance. Looks like Uh is more willing to entertain Oh.

Recovering Lea

Character actress Lea Salonga, who's among the few local thespians cast in the Hollywood flick "The Bourne Legacy," fell off the stage while rehearsing the Tanghalang Pilipinas play "Walang Sugat" recently.

Doctors told Salonga that he had suffered fractured ribs, but would recover after three days of rest.

He doesn't have to quit the play, though, because rehearsals have also been halted. "Because of the accident, not because of me," Salonga told Bandera.

Back at the dunhap, Salonga was up and about because of rising floodwaters in his Sta. Ana, Manila, neighborhood. "Luckily my house was spared," he said.

Irresponsible

MON YOSE.—Lady Gagaare one of the most visible celebrities in the world, but she says not everything she does is documented.

In the September issue of Vogue magazine, Gaga, 26, says she likes to "find a little irresponsible and act like I'm 18." She goes on to admit she gets outrageous to "roll into a bar" and dance topless or dance atop the bar. Gaga says she can't go to the beach without getting recognized.

The singer credits bromalin for helping her not get caught by paparazzi.

The story is in Vogue's 120th anniversary issue, and the magazine's largest yet. AP

Top of Bandera

The top show ratings news this week is that Bandera fared relatively well in its first week! Is it because it's the only new show on TV? Or because it's the only show on TV? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show that's not a reality show? Or because it's the only show on TV that's not a reality show

Hot men, about women

FOUR of Iconic Showbiz magazine's "Hottest Men" in this month's issue on interacting with women:

Xian Lim

"I was horny during my teen years in the United States...and I was so interested."

Enzo Pineda

"I want a girl to be just a little jealous, not too much, because I want to feel that she really cares for me."

Daniel Matsunaga

"When I see a girl I like, if some of my friends know her, they will present me to her because I really am a fanboy."

JC Tiuseco

"Simple is sexy."

Marc Abaya

"Confidence brought on by wisdom is the sexiest thing."

Aljur Abrenica

"My type of girl is someone I enjoy being with."

Christian Bautista

"The first thing I notice about a girl is her smile."

Grown kids...

Para sa pg F5

Atmosphereang grab, Claudine, Gaymore nag-compete na naman. (Ah, ara-speechless.)

+Gusto kumanta ang bagu-bago pero walang thumbdrawer. (She breaking starts here.)

+Gawa gagamitin lang ni Marian para samahan sili. (Anong sa-he doesn't mind.)

+Dan Dan Standby pa rin si Jodgbar at Indayo Aymin? (That's what we heard.)

+Ubra kasalukuyan habla na thalia na rum day Heart. (Gone freak.)

+Ahay maiiwanang sampu na namam si Kanye at Kiera Getting Ate Guy: Lagi namang ganyan

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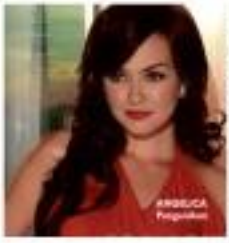

ang umaasahi tayo, puede sili na dang! (The feeling is mutual.)

+Anong ng TV prinagalitan si Mega dahil sa kuu-Tarimo (Someone dared?)

+Ayaw pumayag na makapabalitaan si kanya. Ano bayan na bayan sa isang guest si "Sandang kabi Nice. Dipodapat ca' Sha! (Amazed!)

+Ay kaka ng pakilyng dito sa papa nedocaine! Wala lacks emosyon na! Abdul ka pa rin si Hayden Kho. (Why are we not surprised?)

+Walang kaarte-arte sa pagpili ng boyfriend; Maraver. Ng type ito ang isaka't sampu'ts ka-ngani. (Hello, Francis M, are you there?)

+Cherie mukhang dagat se St Bieksa. (Blissful nemen.)

+Hindi naman siya ipinagbawal ang relasyon nila ng bagong boyfriend. Mas Pinahirap dito. Isaka kabuken sako si Lord! (Good thinking.)

+Sayab Lahkan nangkol kay Kathryn Uiarsenas. Hmm along summing, bis di i'm also tinapde-dcyr! (Text yourself.)

+At di, pinahirap ds se pagpapakasal sa dyowang ine-gagawin. Hanay ang lalo naman ng problema nya.)

+Mahig makitang magkasama si ampon, nahiya, bagang magkasama-sama Angelica, Julia, Lloyd Isaval...naman ang cutest na relasyon. (Thee-mich-as.)

+Dinipilong si na nag dowy- Lahat, lahat dinapat na si Hindian sa akin! (No way he said that. Uh, dislike!)

+Isang advice na dinapat siya sa kanyang mga pro-tojek. Basbasdu-dum, nanay ko lang ang nam-wahing pawik along artista! (Awww.)

+Charot Gil nagpahint si Julian nan...opow nang sampu-sipot si selanyon. (He knew who should get the procedure vent. Insect!)

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Jokes punctuate H'wood foreign press' annual donations event

Jack Black takes a photo of himself and Dustin Hoffman on his cell phone at the HFPA officers installation luncheon at the Beverly Hills Hotel. PHOTO SOURCE

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GRANTEES (from left): Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment's Steve Tao and Jennifer Sundstrom, and Visual Communications' Shinae Yoon and Abraham Ferrer. JESSICA SOHLER

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LOS ANGELES—Funny one-liners were dished even as serious money was being given out on Thursday's officers installation and gowns luncheon of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Steven Spielberg came to accept a $250,000 check on behalf of The Film Foundation, which will go to the restoration of Federico Fellini's 1954 classic, "La Strada." The master filmmaker cited the nonprofit association of international journalists behind the Golden Globe awards for its contribution to film preservation efforts and acknowledged its total donation of $3.5 million over the past 16 years.

HFPA's money for its philanthropic efforts is drawn from the license fee it gets from NBC to air the Golden Globe Awards, held every January.

Totally different

With Steven in the house, several stars addressed him with quips as they accepted grants worth over $1.2 million on behalf of nonprofit organizations, film schools and cinematheques related thereto.

The audience in the Rodeo Ballroom laughed as Jack Black joked that he couldn't wait to see Steven's "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter."

Steven's "Lincoln" movie is a totally different project, with Daniel Day-Lewis not quite as an undying vampire-hunting 16th president of the United States.

Speaking after Steven, Jennifer Lawrence—who accepted a grant on behalf of Sundance Institute—said: "I just had to follow Steven Spielberg." Directly addressing Steven, the actress added: "Us 'you opened for me, actually."

Durbin's motive

Deanna Durbin, who accepted checks on behalf of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, LA Conservancy and the UC Berkeley Pacific Film Archive, joked: "I'm here to get nominated."

The actor, who announced that he just turned 75, still looked boyish.

That age revelation prompted the silver-bearded Sidney Grauman to say, "Deanie's 75 and he looks great. I am 37 and I look like hell!"

We almost failed to recognize Don Johnson, his long hair cut into a bun, when representatives of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, described his "Django Unchained" costar Kerry Washington, who accepted a grant on behalf of WhoNeXt International, as "detectives." The actress looked freshening, indeed, in a short pink dress.

Bradley Cooper, who at one point was listening to a chat between Harvey Weinstein and Steven, received grants on behalf of schools, including several California State University campuses, American Film Institute, Los Angeles City College, UCLA, NYU, Columbia University and CalArts.

Other stars, including Christina Wendrichs and Carla Gugino, accepted grants on behalf of schools

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Madonna supports gay rights in Russia concert

ST. PETERSBURG—Pop star Madonna spoke out for gay rights at a concert on Thursday in St. Petersburg, Russian President Vladimir Putin's hometown, where activists say a law adopted this year to curb homosexual "propaganda" is discriminatory.

Performing in black lingerie with the words "No Fear" scrawled on her bottom, Madonna urged the audience—mostly wearing pink wristbands distributed at the door—to "show your love and appreciation to the gay community."

"We want to fight for the right to be free," she said.

Madonna had promised to use her St. Petersburg show to speak out against legislation adopted by the city in March that imposes fines for spreading homosexual "propaganda" that could "damage the health, moral and spiritual development" of minors.

On her Facebook page, she called the ban a "ridiculous travesty."

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Jokes punctuate . . .

From page D1

and organizations such as Inner City Arts, Inner City Filmmakers, Ghetto Film School, Outset and Latin American Cinemateca of Los Angeles.

Red carpet remark

Speaking on the red carpet, Jennifer Sanderson and Steve Fan of the Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment expressed their gratitude on the HFPA for its support of the how Writers awards which discovers and nurtures talents for film and TV.

One of the first-time grantees was Visual Communications (VC), which holds the very successful Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival. VC's Eleanor Yuson and Abraham Reiver thanked the HFPA for its grant supporting professional training and mentoring via the annual LTA Project Market.

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The actor and comedian will share his life, career and aspects of aging including forgetfulness, insomnia, menopause, doctor's appointments as well as humorous thoughts on looking at himself naked, the prolific or void in a mirror. It will be published in March 2013.

"While I still can remember my life, I thought I should get it down on paper," said the star of "When Harry Met Sally." "Forming 65 is something to celebrate and have fun with, but also it serves about all the great and insightful times that got me here."

Crystal, who hosted the Oscars for the ninth time last February, published his first autobiography, "Missing Mahvelous," in 1998 as well as several children's books. His 1985, Tony-winning Broadway show, "700 Sundays," which reflected upon memories of his father, was also translated into a book.

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A meaningful birthday for Mariel

By Mariel R. Cruz

TV HOST Mariel Rodriguez chose to celebrate her 28th birthday on Aug. 10 with neighbors in New Manila, Quezon City who were affected by the nonstop monsoon rains that flooded 80 percent of Metro Manila.

"My wish is happy rain though I don't have a gift for her," said Robin's husband, actor Robin Padilla.

He posted the comment via Instagram (the social networking site) on Friday, along with pictures of the birthday girl standing beside a long table filled with food.

The couple served dinner—pancit, cake and some Pinoy—to Muslim families that temporarily took shelter at the Pantalan ng Linoang ng Kapuspusan Foundation (PLKF) in West Fairview, which is owned by Robin.

The Padillas have worked tirelessly for three straight days since Tuesday, delivering food and other essentials to their neighbors.

Mariel, who called it "Operation Kapitbahay," cooked seven cakes and adobo, among others.

Robin, on the other hand, dubbed it "Operation Hot Food." He took charge of distributing cooked goods to evacuation centers, as well as to those stranded in their homes.

"Ito Dwin (an Robin fondly calls Mariel) called kami dito to help constituents her work is one but food operation while she works on (the TV5 game show) 'Pit Time Bigtime,'" Robin posted on Thursday night.

That day he bought sweldetors and told the team that their food will serve hundreds of sick victims in the area.

Also on Aug. 9, Robin announced that some 800 bags of relief goods will be delivered to Ashas Muslims inside the New Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa City, where he served time in the 1990s after being convicted for illegal possession of firearms.

"Please follow the princess who influenced me to be a better person," said Mariel of Robin in her Aug. 9 message on Instagram.

In another entry, she added: "He's in the hospital right now, making sure that older flood victims are given an medical attention. Good bless my husband for his kind heart."

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DAY 1: After she cooked seven adobo and pancit for some 300 flood victims, Mariel celebrated her birthday on Friday with family and friends by serving pancit and cake.

ROBIN took this picture of Mariel while baking cake in Muslim families. Sabel (or other) is a light-skinned person before daybreak during the month of Ramadan.

"WE'RE on a medical mission now. Robin bought antibiotics to give to our neighbors," said Mariel on her Instagram.

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'Most tedious' Mutya search

By Armin Adina
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THE 2012 Mutya ng Pilipinas pageant attracted 37 aspirants from the provinces—one of the biggest batches that has joined in recent years.

Fashion designer Rusty Salud, head of the pageant's national search committee, said: "I've been all over the Philippines in previous Mutya editions, but this was the most arduous. Mas grabeng[1] nanonood ngayon ang mga probinsiya at mga bayan-bayan."

There are nine contestants from overseas Filipino communities. Only four ladies hail from the National Capital Region.

First woman president

Three developments coincided with the assumption of the pageant's first woman president, Jacqueline Tan, who is also the youngest to hold office at age 25.

"We are now serving a new Mutya ng Pilipinas, under new management, ending 44 years of tradition with yesterday's banner," said Tan during the candidates' presentation to the media recently at the Mabuhay hotel in Pasay City.

"We're searching for a woman who's well in her registration in promoting goodwill and tourism for the Philippines," she added.

At the presentation, Mutya Johanna Datol from Isabela was chosen as Mutya Press Princess, while Kaylee Calagnan from the United States' West Coast bagged the Miss Photogenic award.

Ramiel Alexis Gomez from Cebu was hailed first runner-up in a separate preliminary event.

The 2012 Mutya ng Pilipinas coronation night will be held on Aug. 18, 6 p.m. at the UP Theater in Quezon City, with coronation on GMA 7 at 2 p.m. on the same date.

Second, third, tenth chances

DESPITE the criticism and tendency to rush to judgment that often characterizes those not-to-hate, let's make this season different. Ivy, more charitably supporting movies to give some, controversial celebrities a second, or even a third, chance to regain lost ground, find favor again with viewers, and drum up their fading stars.

For starters, let's support the fresh comeback moves of Andi Eigenmann, BB Gandanghari and Snooky Serna.

Slowpoke no more

Snooky was a top child star who topbilled one movie after another for years on end. Even in her teen years, she was a popular Kim star. Eventually, however, her pegging (downpoke) ways and occasionally idiosyncratic behavior turned off producers, and marital problems compounded her woes.

But it's great to hear that Snooky, now in her mid-40s, will be making a movie again, this time playing the mother of Coco Martin. Yes, she looks too young to portray the same Silah actor's mom, but perhaps they'll age her?

In any case, let's support Snooky's comeback bid in the movies, because she's proven in the past that she's a good dramatic actress. And the issues that her old pegging days are finally over. So, welcome back, Snooky!

Womanness

As for BB Gandanghari, she's had a relatively hard time finding roles that are "exactly right" for her post-"transformation" persona now as a woman.

"Ms. she's lovely and svelte, but her origi-

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Nestor U. Torre

nal male persona still shrouds in some people's minds. So, when she plays women, they're in a certain "clairvoyance."

Well, perhaps her new TV assignment, the TV5 fantasy-drama series, "Enchanted Garden," will help ease the hurdle. In the new show, BB plays Mishka, a character who is the bridge between the real world and "Eden."

The exotic and fantasticating nature of the movies makes it easier for viewers to accept BB, the transsexual and transgender beauty as a "fully" female one.

Interestingly however, the acting assignment is rendered more challenging by a tantalizing twist. When "Mishka" is in "Eden," BB will be playing her—as a man! Something to look forward to, indeed. Let's hope BB can pull it off!

Single room

Finally, former teen love and now single-mom Rich Eigenmann is now playing it "young-adult" and "senior" by way of her comeback tribute, "Kahit Puso'y Maging Bato."

She'll be hospitalized in the actress' new persona in the public's view as a single mom, but we (hint: that it won't limit the range of roles that will be offered to her.

After all, she is still quite young and deserves to play a great variety of roles, not just one "father" role after another.

Third chance

What about the "third-chance" comebacker? Given the ups and downs of the roller-coaster ride that is the local showbiz scene, there are couples at loggerheads of them.

But then, we, should be allowed every chance to make it again.

And what about the confirmed and unrepentant serial swabbies?

"Each chance, anyone?

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Shopping Alley A LIFESTYLE GUIDE

'I can't wait to bring out my Plueys'

By Phoebe Salazar

IN THE Philippines, it rains almost half of the year. Not really a friendly place for people who love to dress up.

But friends Estel de Dagoo and Kris Sumera are ones who cannot be daunted by a downpour. Instead, they find a solution that many Filipinos love. The two found Plueys on the Internet. It's a Hong Kong brand and the name is a play on the French word for rainy days.

"Plueys is a brand that values exclusivity," says Estel, "which means they produce designs in very limited quantities."

Estel and Kris saw that since rains in the country about 20 times a year, it's only "logical" to have chic rainy day wear. After parsing up BrightCloud in 2007, they brought to the country the Pluey boots, printed hot rain boots for women and kids. The boots are around 13.5 inches high with a one-inch heel, made with rubber and wooden rubber soles to avoid slipping.

They first showcased their goods at a bazaar in Rockwell Power Plant Mall (Makati) many years ago. "To our delight, our initial shipment of limited designs ran out in a span of three days," she says.

MATCHPOINT at P2,299

The printed boots also come in fun designs and equally fun names such as Puppy Love, Dragonfruits, Bubbles, Oh Fish and Original Mo. Plueys are meant for "girls who don't mind being different, of standing out, of expressing themselves through their clothes and footwear."

But while Filipinos are getting more adventurous when it comes to dressing up, a good number still prefer neutral colors when buying Plueys.

"They tend to work safe hues in black or brown," Estel says. "However, we do get a significant number of ladies who wear rain boots for fun."

Seeing that the market of young professionals, women, and girls responded positively, BrightCloud now also brings to market Treads (Galoshes), say (fully hand-painted umbrellas, rain skirts (worn/paired with Rain) and rain booties (water-proof ankle-booties).

Treads (P1,990) are water-resistant tailored raincoats lined with prints and colors inside to add extra fun to one's rainy day wardrobe. They also have double pockets, snap on hoods, and a protective hood. They come in three styles: Sail Away (cobalt blue), Quarter to 8 (black) and Hello Dolly (pink).

Sail Away has nautical stripes and is shiny bright, with other pieces on floral and prints optional. The cobalt blue water-resistant nylon polyester coat has fuchsia striped contrast lining.

Quarter to 8 and Hello Dolly are similarly chic in design and will let anyone stand out, even in the rain.

Estel said that when customers buy their products "primarily because these help them manage the difficulty of moving and working during the rainy season."

BERRY Stripey at P1,...

While the products BrightCloud distributes in the country are more for rainy season, there are some versions also sold there Plueys boots even when it's not even drizzling in the metro. The prices allow them to wear them any season of the year.

"Our company BrightCloud Inc. has a vision of changing the Manila rainy environment by providing more colorful and fun rain gear options to Filipinos," Estel said. "In our first few years of business, we have been exploring mostly the women's lines in terms of footwear and we hope to grow our kids and men's lines, bringing in more options for Filipinos."

For inquiries, BrightCloud now sells its products at www.theplueyscafe.com.

Innovative products that make travelling hassle-free

By Kenneth M. dela Rosario

WHEN you're someone who spends several hours a day on the street or inside the car getting from one place to another, it always pays to play it on the safe side. After all, the saying "better safe than sorry" wasn't coined for nothing.

While we hope that any untoward event doesn't come our way (read: bag slashing, pick pocketing, hypnotism), there's always a possibility that these things can happen. In fact, at one point in time, you or your loved ones have been a victim of such unfortunate accidents.

These things have been in the mind of the people behind Travelon, a brand that produces innovative products with anti-theft features that offer protection so that these unfortunate events are avoided. With their anti-theft line, here is six functions that never fail us.

Travelon's anti-theft line features bags and wallets that are slash-proof and with lockable zippers. Hidden slash-proof wire link construction over the most part of the bag and wallet, which makes stealing of valuables through harvesters next to impossible.

Travelon bags also come with a locking zipper pull, which makes it difficult for thieves to open your bag's main compartment.

Travelon (formerly Travel Caddy) was established in 1978 and was the first US manufacturer of luggage cart keys. These are products that could make a difference between a safe time on the street or a dangerous one you'll later regret.

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MICROSCALE

Authenticity makes big fashion comeback

You can't go wrong with quality handcrafted shoes made of fine genuine leather

WHATEVER the product, quality always matters. And the rise-and-rise change in life are often hand-crafted in shoes, which today are as synonymous...no doubt in the heap of many products and goods that have swamped the market.

While many consumers may celebrate affordable price points with "me too" look-alikes or labels, there are now more who are even excited with innovations and value are leaning only the-original authentic article.

When it comes to footwear, there is no substitute for quality, craftsmanship and the prized virtues of the genuine item that are the result of the work of highly skilled professionals with a commitment quality and an attention to detail—after these expensive machine operation.

Handmade leather shoes and bags are products that are created by an artisan and therefore are unrivaled by other makes in terms of craftsmanship.

Only the finest materials are used by Via Veneto in where it source to proper handmade leather shoes. Superior genuine leather is sorted for footwear to be up to scratch, and every small detail, leather and components are sourced from leading suppliers in Europe and around the world. Thus, when you invest in hand-crafted leather shoes by Via Veneto, you can be sure that only the finest materials will be hugging your feet.

Consequently you get a shoe that has it all: maximum comfort, latest style, timeless elegance, and durability. These are the hallmarks of the all Filipino shoemaker Via Veneto, long the choice of those who know and require comfortable, fine quality footwear.

Via Veneto has wonderfully serviced the onslaught of cheap, synthetic, imported mass-produced footwear. Encompassing consumers made on authentic, "real leather."

How do we know this for a fact? Ging Pajaro, Via Veneto president says: "Our customers, who have experimented with lesser quality leather, have returned to us with their damaged-way shoes, asking that, requesting us to 'please do something.' Sometimes we can do something, sometimes, we can't remedy. More often than not, we can."

To be sure, there is a secret to genuine leather shoes: savvy the eye. Although handmade leather shoes pull together the bespoke look, real leather itself is the kinder and healthier than plastics which synthetic leathers are made use of.

The leather shoe allows the feet to breathe whereas synthetic shoes can wear sweatiness because the heat and humidity in the country can be extreme and can ultimately be uncomfortable and unhygienic.

If you want to feel comfortable at all times, genuine leather shoes will keep you happy while you're inclined—during, standing, walking or partying.

Via Veneto, on the other hand, uses the finest European leathers that are handcrafted by the most able artisans of Marikina. Unlike synthetic and cheap, inferior leathers, Via Veneto's footwear and bag material can keep its integrity for decades. "We have shoes who proudly show us their 20-year-old Via Veneto I shoes and bags."

So how does Via Veneto use itself evolving with the times? "We're keeping our ground," Pajaro says. "We believe in the integrity of good leather tremendously exalted by hand. As the Italians say, 'latte e mante'—which is exactly the same basic cry you see in all our stores today."

Pajaro cites some major stories of how the flooding of many produced shoes manufacturing as leather from other Asian countries have invaded Chinese on the Philippine shoe industry, and ultimately the hardiness of the Marikina shoemakers.

There is clearly a slow and steady return to the genuine and the handcrafted articles across the world, Pajaro says, as evidenced by the ads, websites and patronage of many prominent fashion brands emphasizing the handcrafted process of their products.

As the world turns, so does Via Veneto, which keeps its pulse on the latest looks so it can take on the world's fashion capitals and subsequently translating its observations in its own designs. While some may change, and trends wax and ebb, Via Veneto's commitment to quality and craftsmanship remains constant.

Finding the right pair of shoes that offers value for money has never been more important, especially at a time when so many people fall into the false economy of buying cheap shoes only to find they have worn out quickly.

Via Veneto shoes last a long while, and with proper care, they should be around for many years. This provides greater value for money for any wearer and should make the decision to buy those shoes totally justifiable.

It is no other you have comfort, style, and quality in the one package—this is the promise of Via Veneto shoes, which are the ultimate fashionable, comfortable and durable choice.

Never fear shoes for rainy days

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Keep stuff snug and dry

R.O.X., meanwhile, features bags and accessories which will help keep your essential things dry from rain water. Choose from Sealine boundary packs or Sealine widemouth duffle bags.

Put your cell phone and other personal effects, pick the Aquapac Mobile or the Aquapac arm band. All these are available at all R.O.X. stores at Shaw Blvd. High Street at BGC, Ayala Center Cebu, Camp John Hay in Baguio City, and Marquee Mall in Pampanga.

ARM band by Aquapac at P1,250

MOBILE case by Aquapac at P2,250

BOUNDARY packs (15 liters) by Sealine at P6,995

WIDEMOUTH duffle by Sealine at P1,800

Here comes the rain

IT'S THE season for rain, and here are a few tips on how to be prepared while keeping chic and cool.

Whether it's a drizzle or a heavy downpour, having a stylish but sturdy umbrella is an absolute necessity. There are small and foldable ones that you can keep inside your bag. Naturally, you want it tough and durable and it falls when you need it most. You wouldn't want to be in a situation where you're struggling with your umbrella in the middle of a street getting wet while cursing the rains.

Mix and match your wardrobe with a leather jacket or a cardigan—or even a trench coat. You could get maximum protection by bringing a functional but fashionable raincoat.

A dependable pair of shoes is a must during the rainy days. Your feet getting wet inside your shoes are you leave the rains and definitely spoil your day. For those who cannot avoid getting wet on the street, bring out your sandals or rain boots.

Indeed, there are more options that you can imagine when the rains come. You can stay dry and fashionable even during stormy days. - Joel Nigos

ANAMAE, nylon cream cardigan by Opulence at P695.75

RED cardigan with white lining by Opulence at P695.75

ANAMAE, jacket (jacket) by Folio at P1,099.75

CAMAHEL, long sleeves cardigan by Opulence at P649.75

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BLACK trench coat with gold buttons by Folio at P1,299.75

BASIC jacket with hood by Bench at P595.75

Unica Hija showcases two brand ambassadors

The Filipino brand brings Philippine fashion to another level with actress Sarah Geronimo and model Charo Ronquillo

By Lois Corlo San Juan

"WE WANT to have someone that embodies the Filipino image but is also globally appealing," says Unica Hija's Lee Lagos who explains why they crowned Filipina supermodel Charo Ronquillo to be their newest endorser along with Sarah Geronimo. "The endorsers should reflect what we sell, who we sell to, and what the company believes in," he adds.

Wanting to be more than just your run-of-the-mill fashion brand, Unica Hija has definitely evolved. Leaving away from the floral look, the current collection showcases chic, geometric designs, bold patterns for their back-to-school collections and a wealth of monochrom composed of luxe dresses for their holiday line.

Though they may seem poles apart, Charo and Sarah have many things in common most people may not immediately notice. "We actually co-mess," says Charo. Both coming from humble beginnings and being successful in their respective professions, they have become a source of inspiration for most young Filipinos.

Sarah, who has been with the brand for quite some time, explains that it has always been an honor to be part of the Unica Hija brand that exudes a strong Filipino identity.

Simple girl off the camera

"As a model, I should present myself well. Sometimes, I have to adjust to a certain look," Charo says. It's go-see while working abroad. But when she's off duty, she admits she's just into the typical comfortable maong pants, t-shirt and shoes. Being a model, she enjoys indulging in clothing accessories like shoes and bags that are convenient pieces.

Sarah, on the other hand, describes herself as a simple girl. She likes stylish but comfortable clothes. "I wear pre-versatile clothes but comfort comes first," she says. Like most young girls, being in a pair of jeans, a nice top, and flats are everyday style staples. But if she needs to indulge, she admits it will be on shoes. "I'm amazed with the design [of the shoes]. Sometimes, you are amazed to buy even if it's expensive," partly explaining the 'IT' jumps she was wearing during the interview.

For Unica Hija, having Charo and Sarah endorsing its merchandise is the best way to embrace the Filipino image.

Never fear shoes for rainy days

MEN'S lace loafer in navy/tan and white at P1,990

By Joel V. Nigos

SHOES are essential gears during the rainy season. They not only provide comfort on weary feet, but also give protection from the inconveniences that come with rain.

When choosing to buy one, it's important to consider not only the material used, but also its construction. Will they last with the constant exposure to rain? Are they slip-proof when used on damp surfaces?

Not all shoes are waterproof but it's certainly better if we can pick a pair which has this feature. It's also necessary that they have anti-bacterial qualities especially if you cannot avoid getting them wet on the streets.

Swims, a brand of high-end and stylish footwear, features shoes which are perfect for the rainy season. Guys and gals would surely love them as they come in varied designs and eye-catching colors.

Snug and comfortable, the Swims men's penny front lace loafer features an outer shell of leather in durable Swims signature rubber with anti-bacterial mesh lining. They are waterproof footwear that are just perfect for the rainy season. Their outer soles, aside from being non-marking, are made from natural rubber which provides superior grip in any surface. Their ventilating gills around the shoe base provide superior breathability.

Their footbeds are also anti-bacterial and odor-resistant for excellent and durable comfort. Their top straps and inside linings are breathable, and features lightweight anti-bacterial mesh.

For the women, there's the lace-front loafer and the penny front loafer.

Chic and classy, both the lace-front loafer and the penny front loafer are made of cushioned leather in durable Swims signature rubber with anti-bacterial mesh lining. They are lightweight, boasts of durable and flexible outer shells and non-marking soles.

Their footbeds are anti-bacterial and odor-resistant for excellent and durable comfort while their top straps and inside linings are made in breathable materials. Their waterproof shoes are spins of the classic loafer.

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Made from 100 percent polyester and nylon, Columbia's Storm Surge Long Rain Jacket provides a security pocket, and a drop tail.

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Management and leadership for organizations in crisis

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

Ernie O. Cecilio

IN THE LIFE OF AN ORGANIZATION, there comes a time when it is threatened by crisis. Threats can be internal or external. Thieves can affect the business or the team members. Mismanagers, the organization suffers. Sometimes, I think that one reason why organizations go into crisis is that there could be too much management, but too much leadership.

Management vs. leadership

Renowned management guru Warren Bennis once tried to differentiate management from leadership. He said, "There is a profound difference between management and leadership, and both are important. To manage means to bring about, to accomplish, to have charge of or responsibility for, to conduct. Leading is influencing, guiding in a direction, course, action, opinion. The distinction is crystal."

Bennis went on to contrast quite a few dichotomies. Among other things, he said that managers administer, while leaders innovate. A manager focuses on systems and structure; a leader focuses on people. A manager controls; a leader inspires. A manager looks at the bottom line; a leader looks at the horizon. A manager accepts the status quo; a leader challenges it. In sum, Bennis said, "The manager does things right, the leader does the right thing."

I have a little problem with the oversimplified dichotomy. I have seen managers who can inspire trust and leaders whose eyes are on the bottom line, too. Innovation is not the sole domain of leaders — managers and their staff must make it part of their job descriptions. Without the right systems and structures, a leader can do the right things better. Let me clarify more on what leaders and managers must do together to save organizations in crisis, instead of splitting hairs about their differences.

Stewardship and trust

I tend to agree more with John C. Bogle who said that in order for the enterprise to achieve its loftiest expression, "good stewardship, high professional standards, and trust must suffuse an entire organization, from the mail room to the boardroom. The qualities must be built into the character of the enterprise, not grafted onto its exterior. Of necessity, these qualities must begin with leadership — with leaders who do more than create, build or follow objectives; they must also instill deeper evidence of those organizational."

This is not to mean, however, that managers are not useful. Managers are needed at all levels of the organization, if it is expected to function efficiently and effectively. Both leaders and managers must place great importance on those who work for them and not simply view them as pawns in the organizational chessboard. Managers need leaders to set the organizational direction, discipline systems and strategy. Leaders need managers to translate strategies into operational and tactical plans that the rest of the organization can implement in order to achieve its vision and mission.

Spare the organization

When leaders and managers clash, the organization suffers. When giants go after each other's throat, the ants get stepped on and often perish before the battle is over. Intelligent leaders get clashed in a frenzied battle. When an internally driven crisis sets in, the organization must be spared. But often, it is dragged into the quagmire that often leaders and managers unknowingly begin to stir.

In 1912, Harvard W. Johnson, Chairman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) said, "The institution must be the object of intense human care and cultivation, from which it sees and shambles, it must be cared for, and the burden must be borne by all who touch the it, all who own it, all who are powers in it. Every responsible person must rise, and rise deeply, about the institution that touch his life."

Caring at all levels

There are a few things that would help save organizations in crisis:

- *Caring or "malasakit."* Leaders and managers must sense that caring becomes the soul of the organization, whether it is a humanitarian, professional or business organization. Caring can be shown in the way the organization serves its customers or clients. Caring can be shown in the way that mutual respect, courtesy, friendships and cooperation are grounded to all. Even the humblest member of the organization's every members can likewise show caring by the organization to the way he or she displays enthusiastic and honest performance of his or her job, whether front-line or back-office.
- *Setting inner mastery of values.* Leaders must sets the direction, values help ensure that mission drift is avoided. Values help organizations stay the course and not go astray. I am glad to see that some companies, like Team Energy Corporation, have their "Top 40" as a reminder of the Vision, Mission and Values. They also translate values into manifestations that employees can emulate. Values-driven employees also get rewarded.
- Values could be many straightforward and need not focus on acronym — if it does, it's gimp. Often, integrity is whatever you do, imagination is what you create, judgment is your gusto and roles, courage is crisis, good humor is adversity, and friendship is achievement are easier to understand and manifest to employees' motives and behaviors.
- *Talk the talk and walk the walk.* Leaders and managers must be able to inspire every body by exuding the right words to communicate the highest ideals and the best ideas that can move the whole organization forward. They must, however, practice what they preach. If you demand hard work, integrity, cooperation and high standards of performance, be the first to show these in your employees.
- Don't ignore the strategic. Managers are trained to operate, look at the horizon, but and focus only on results, so they do these, they should serve to take the intangibles for granted. Sometimes, the things that you cannot count are those that truly count more. Unlike price-earnings ratio, the intangibles of passion, devotion, trust, dominance and other so-called "animal spirits" don't find their way into the balance sheet. However, they are so important, if not more important, especially in crisis situations.

Peter Drucker once said, "It is the correct profession to suggest that an enterprise is bound to run exact calculations of benefits to costs ... We need animal spirits, a spontaneous urge to action. If animal spirits are dimmed and spontaneous optimism lulled, leaders can lose their followers, and for a multinational corporation, the enterprise will lack and die."

- *Manage for the long term.* Strategic and tactical decisions dealing crisis are often difficult for leaders. When the happens, stop. Decide first whether you expect to run your organization for the short or long term. Once you are clear in your mind that you want to manage for the long term, other decisions will be easier. You will begin to see that the risks in transparency and should not deter the organization from moving forward. You may have to make some sacrifices, but never allow a few people to bring down the whole organization.

In the words of US President Calvin Coolidge, "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press On' has solved, and always will solve, the problems of the human race."

When we dissect what truly separates a superior organization from others, we will realize that there are not superior technology, better financial base, or great market strategy. More often, it is the unconventional thinking about what is really important, how it sees its opportunities, and how it organizes to serve its constituencies. Robert Greenleaf, creator of the concept of servant-leadership, believes that superior organizations have "a radical philosophy and well-image."

Leaders and managers are quick to understand the need to "press on" in times of crisis. They must press on in good times and in bad. Building all, raised, "Strive on, diligently."

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Are you ready to go back to work? Dealing with trauma after a disaster

TRAUMA IS INSPIRED BY CAMbridge Dictionary Online as "a severe shock and pain caused by an extremely upsetting experience."

Many areas in the National Capital Region and nearby provinces were declared under state of calamity due to the unexpected onslaught of heavy rains and flooding brought about by non-stop monsoon rains. Hundreds of thousands of people remains in temporary shelters ... homes of less fortunate damage in the agricultural industry at 167.9 million pesos — owners see thoughts only gone in disaster films just happened right before our very eyes.

But a more agonizing effect continues to haunt the victims of the calamity — a burden that a person will bear for a long period of time until he or she can deal and overcome it. Many of them have not even fully recovered from the forgettable memories of equally devastating storms in 2009, Ondoy and Pepeng.

How do you heal the wounds inflicted by the experience of losing loved ones, their homes and valued possessions from an unexpected tragedy?

"It really depends on the extent of the trauma," said Marie Psych-Stability in Inner psychologist DR. Dr. Myra Lopez-Rosas, MD. "The personality of the person may also be a factor at here and where he can overcome the trauma. For example, if he already has nervousness or anxiety issues prior to the trauma, of course this will aggravate the condition."

Signs of trauma

Rosas said that a person who is experiencing trauma would manifest signs like worrying, soreness of the body, shortness of breath and having a hyper vigilant personality. For the victims of the recent storms, she observed that even a slight rainfall or the noise of a door being opened can lead to panic. This is called anticipatory anxiety or fear that something traumatic will happen again.

She also added that depression comes when the person starts to have changes in his appetite, sleeping patterns and level of energy. Aside from depression, other common manifestations experienced by disaster victims are (1) denial that such an experience occurred; (2) anger that can be directed at the search the disaster, God, others or to themselves; (3) shock over the suddenness of the disaster, and (4) survival guilt ... they survived and others did not.

The quality of work of employees will definitely be affected if they are coping with trauma. Sometimes they do not know emotions but are nonetheless having difficulties focusing and concentrating on what they are doing.

Do's and don'ts

Rosas notes that family and friends can help the victims in handling the trauma. They should listen to the victims as they recount their experiences. Healing takes place when victims tell their stories, thereby releasing emotions that they had kept to themselves.

But Rosas also reminds us that this might not work in all cases, especially if the victims is suffering from acute stress disorder caused by being exposed to a traumatic event.

In this case, Psychiatrist, DR.com, professional help is a must if the person has at least three of the following symptoms:

- *A subjective sense of* numbing, detachment, or absence of emotional responsiveness.
- a reduction in awareness of his or her surroundings (e.g., "being in a daze")
- depersonalization - inability to recall an important aspect of the trauma
- the person persistently re-experienced the traumatic event in at least one or more of the following ways: recurrent images, thoughts, dreams, illusions, flashback episodes, or a sense of reliving the experience; or distress at exposure to reminders of the traumatic event

- marked avoidance of stimuli that arouse recollections of the trauma (e.g., thoughts, feelings, conversations, activities, places, people).

Rosas noted that in these cases counseling needs to be supported with medication for the treatment of the victims. This process would sometimes take up to 9 months to 2 years, depending on the degree of the disorder, for the success of the treatment. If untreated, employed victims are advised to take a leave of absence for a period of time.

In the website of asiapsychiatry.com, well-known psychiatrist Kevin Jones shared his learning from the online video "Recovery from Trauma: What Works." He wrote that in the early stages of trauma, people should avoid doing the following things that would only worsen the situation:

- alcohol and drugs
- keeping overly busy
- isolation or to avoid emotions
- stopping yourself doing things you enjoy
- engaging in risky activities.

Dealing with the trauma after a disaster is not an easy task. Overcoming it is another story. People will recover as a differ- ent way and with the help of they will be surrounded by caring and understanding people who will be with them during these dark hours of their lives. It is not only trauma that we want to heal. We actually want to heal the whole person who comes to live again after his life was interrupted.

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Gospel: John 6:41-51
The Jews murmured about Him because He said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

Murmuring

By Bishop Precioso Cantillas, SDB, DD

I THINK THAT MOST OF US MUST HAVE MURMURED ABOUT someone or something at some moments in our life. Perhaps, some of these moments were work related, such as about our boss, or colleagues, or about work schedule, work environment, relationships, and salaries or compensation. The literature dictionary of murmuring is any kind speech of any kind which I think, could provide us with an occasion for human growth. From a lack of understanding or a misunderstanding of that which we murmur about we could move on to a greater comprehension or correct view of the reality that may have seemed obscure or even abused in our minds.

The going further or deeper in murmuring—analyzing the reason or reasons for the murmurs—is the most important part of this behavior. The readers could pause for a while from work in order to reflect on his actions or on the situations or the people. Through self reflection, he could discover the meaning of a seemingly absurd situation. Moreover, the worker could ask help from wiser or more experienced colleagues who would enlighten him on the matter he finds difficult to understand and accept. What is of a common importance then in for the readers to get in the bottom of his confused mind and to see the truth about his work and life.

As Jesus provided the truth to the murmuring Jews in His time, He could also give true meaning and value to every aspect of human work to anyone who may murmur about anything in his work. He remains with us in the Eucharist until the end of time so that the readers could have Him and His teachings available when needed. So, I think that the worker may murmur as much he can and about anything, for as long as he listens to Jesus, believes in Him and receives Him as Bread from heaven.

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Murmuring brook

By Teresa R. Turay, OCDS

I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL WHEN I FIRST HEARD THE WORD "murmur". I kept repeating, murmur, murmur, murmur—it sounded funny to me because I didn't know its meaning, and if the teacher commented it to a friends – a "murmuring friends". Finding it was good's for my name, I have never since used it, not even once in my own house because I am afraid, and now in today's gospel the word "murmur" catches my attention.

Not a few troubles in the workplace have been ignited by murmurs—the many things we say or talk about behind somebody's back. Sometimes when people don't have the guts to ask or say something upfront to a colleague or a boss, they resort to murmurings, like what the Jews did to Jesus, it may not be murmurings in their mouths but surely in their hearts. Jesus was really curious and do not want to show it—but more often than not the murmuring balloons into a full blown scandal, all because of one murmuringer who misinterprets things and transmits the error to another. If or when the rumor spreads, chaos ensues. Work suffers.

This happens because people have different values and divergent ways of perceiving things or reacting to words, and since human beings from time immemorial were unable to prevent murmurs, the best solution to it is open communication. And the key to becoming an open communicator is the belief that everyone—everyone, with no exception—has a value all their own that is worth knowing. What are you—whether you are the boss or the elevator girl... if you listen to everyone but are deaf to all murmurings. Except the unceasing murmuring of the breath... which could be the voice of God in disguise.

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TERESITA DEQUITO COSCOLLUELA

"Even when I walk through a dark valley, I feel no harm. For you are at my side, your rod and staff give me courage..."
Psalm 23:4

LYDIA M. JOSON, Ph. D.

Scientist IV
Department of Science & Technology
of Cabanatuan City
and Scienceville Subd., Bicutan, Parañaque City

Died in the Grace of the Lord
on August 10, 2012 at the age of 79.

Her bereaved brothers and sisters **Areopagita J. Valenton** (†), **Herminia J. Del Rosario** (†), **Dr. Benedicto M. Joson Sr.** (†), **Engr. Francisco M. Joson** (†), **Atty. Reynaldo M. Joson, Leticia J. Naval** (†) and **Dr. Lourdes J. Robles** and her brothers-in-law/sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces, grandchildren and other relatives request your fervent prayers and special petitions for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Ilagan Funeral Parlor, Burgos St., Cabanatuan City.

Interment will take place on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at the Cabanatuan City Public Cemetery after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the St. Nicholas Cathedral.

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BATANGAS II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Antipolo del Norte, Lipa City

INVITATION TO BID

WHAT : Bidding for the Supply & Delivery of Substation Transformers
IFB 2012-010

WHEN : August 17, 2012 (Pre-Bidding Conference)
9:30 A.M.

WHERE : BATELEC II Staff House Conference Room
Antipolo del Norte, Lipa City

Cost of Bid Documents : Php10,000.00

Those interested Bidders shall bring the following Pre-Qualification Documents:

1. Business Registration to DTI or SEC.
2. Permit to Operate (Mayor's Permit)
3. Comprehensive Company Profile
4. Audited Financial Statement
5. Updated/Income Tax Return
6. Distributorship/Dealership/Manufacturer's Certificate, etc.
7. Notarized authorization from the company being represented (for Representatives)

For inquiries, Prospective Bidders may call BAC Secretary, Mary Ann Grace A. Arbaiz, at (043) 756-0107 local 108.

Noted by:

(Sgd.) ENGR. ERNESTO L. MENDOZA
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee
Assistant General Manager

Pub.: August 10 & 12, 2012

Higher Education Leadership and Management (HELM) Project RFP, No. 01, In-Country Facilitators for 8E Asia Study Tours

The Higher Education Leadership and Management (HELM) project, implemented by Chemonics International, is soliciting offers from eligible firms for facilitators within Thailand and the Philippines, during 2012, to manage the in-country travel and the scheduling of university and ministry appointments, as well as any needed linguistic interpretative services during the study tours. There will be 3 study tours total, each one week in length. During the site visits, the Indonesian participants will observe outreach/extension programs that demonstrate high quality and relevant programs, that have been implemented and sustained through effective leadership and strong financial management, and are sustained by rigorous quality assurance mechanisms. Thus, the site visits will allow Indonesian participants to address core management areas as participants develop their own research projects. Each study tour will include participants from 4-6 Indonesian universities, each represented by 3 emerging university leaders. The study tours will visit selected Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Thailand and the Philippines. The study tours require the assistance of facilitators who are familiar with the contexts of higher education in Thailand and/or the Philippines. These facilitators shall manage in-country travel, coordinate educational exchange/ networking activities for all participants, and also ensure that the host university meetings are planned and proceed as scheduled. Offerors may submit proposals for the study tours in Manila, the Philippines, and Bangkok, Thailand, or both countries. Chemonics International Inc. will issue one award to one or more companies or organizations. The award will be to the party (ies) whose technical approach (as determined by a technical evaluation committee*). The successful offeror will be required to adhere to the terms of the subcontract.

Please limit full details about the request for proposal requested at our website http://www.chemonics.com/jobs/Documents/RFP/Higher%20Education%20Leadership%20and%20Management%20Project%20RFP_01.aspx

All questions and/or clarifications regarding the RFP must be in writing and submitted to helmdjakarta@chemonics.com no later than 1000am Jakarta time, on August 10, 2012. Questions and requests for clarifications and the responses thereto, that HELM believes may be of interest to other offerors who expressed an intention to bid, will be circulated. Offers must be received by email no later than 5:00pm Jakarta time, on August 17, 2012, to helmdjakarta@gmail.com.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following project:

Name of the Project	Supply and Delivery of Computer Tablets for DTI Enforcement Activities
Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	Php 1,010,000.00
Contract Completion Period	Within 15 days after receipt of Notice to Proceed

Bidding shall be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	Starting August 13, 2012 at 8:00 AM, from the Bids and Awards Bidding Secretariat, 3rd Floor, DTI Main Building, 361 San J.P. Road Extension, Makati City
2. Pre-Bid Conference	August 17, 2012 at 10:00 AM, at the Conference Room, 3rd Floor, DTI Main Building, 361 San J.P. Road Extension, Makati City
3. Submission of Bids	Not later than August 20, 2012 at 10:00 AM, at the Bidding Secretariat, 3rd Floor, DTI Main Building, 361 San J.P. Road Extension, Makati City
4. Opening of Bids	August 20, 2012 at 10:00 AM, at the same venue of the Bid Submission

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA 5183 (An Act Decreeing the Commercialization of Arms).

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders from the address stated above upon presentation of a non-refundable fee in the amount of the Processing Fee of Php 5,000.00).

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that interested bidder pays the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

The DTI reserves its rights to disqualify any bidder that may be found to be engaged in any unlawful activities during the implementation of the project.

The DTI reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

For further information, please refer to:

(Sgd.) ERNESTO L. MENDOZA
Chairman, DTI Bids and Awards Committee

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT (AEP)

Notice is hereby given that the following companies/employers have filed with this Regional Office applications for Alien Employment Permits:

	Name and Address of Company/ Employer	Name and Citizenship of Foreign National	Position and Brief Description of Employee
1.	SUMITOMO PHILIPPINES, INC. LOT1 Blgs. Ecotech Laguna Technology Park, Laguna	Mr. Hirohito Kawahara Japanese	President
2.	PHILIPPINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, INC. Blgs. Ecotech, Laguna Technology Park, Laguna	Mr. Masaaki Kagawara Japanese	Administrative Manager
3.	PHILIPPINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, INC. Blgs. Ecotech, Laguna Technology Park, Laguna	Mr. Takashi Mochizuki Japanese	Safety Engineering Head
4.	HINOTEK PHILIPPINES, INC. LOT1 Blgs. Ecotech, Laguna Technology Park, Laguna	Mr. Jungkook Lee Korean	Production Manager
5.	HINOTEK PHILIPPINES, INC. LOT1 Blgs. Ecotech, Laguna Technology Park, Laguna	Mr. Kyoungchu Park Korean	President
6.	HONDA CARS PHILIPPINES, INC. Laguna Technopark, Binan, Laguna	Mr. Tadao Kadokura Japanese	Senior Assistant Vice President - Manager in Marketing & Sales Division

If you have any comments/objection to the above-mentioned applications please communicate with the Regional Director.

ALEX V. AVILA, CESO III
OIC-Regional Director

To avail of the full benefits (planning, promotion/public relations strategy) and the various Public Employment Service Office (PESO) programs and services, visit the nearest PESO in your locality.

(PEN - August 10, 11, 12, 2012)

INVITATION TO SUBMIT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

National Electrification Office is implementing the Missionary Electrification and Multi-Regional Renewable Rural Energy Development 71 (MERE 2) Program in partnership with the Department of Energy, Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (PHILRECA), Department of Energy, and Northern Luzon Electric Cooperative (NORTHEM) and is requesting qualified organizations to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) to participate in the implementation of the Solar Village Power Project (SVPP) in the Municipalities of Pinili and Nueva Era, Ilocos Norte.

Name of Project: Supply, Delivery and Distribution of Solar Lanterns, including training on lantern maintenance and sales and the solicitation

Project Location: Identified communities located in the Provinces of Maguindanao, Ilocos Norte and Zamboanga City

Budget: Indicative Ceiling Budget of Seventy Thousand Pesos only (Php 70,000.00)

Interested qualified parties may avail of the Expression of Interest as stated in:

Mr. Jose S. Perez
Project Manager
Email Address: jsperez@nea.com.ph

All documents shall be made available only to qualified parties that have submitted the EOI with complete information, as required above. Deadline for submission of EOI is on August 31, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

Attendance and participation in the Bid Conference shall be limited to those who will be issued the Bid Documents.

(Sgd.) JUANITO D. ARANAS
Chief of Party

(PEN - August 12, 13, 14, 15, 2012)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that **MS. MARICRIS L. TUYO** whose picture appears above is no longer connected with **PEDIAPHARMA, INC.** effective August 9, 2012.

Any transaction entered into by the aforesaid, for and in behalf of PEDIAPHARMA, INC., will not be honored by the company.

(PEN - July 31, 2012)

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to give notice to the public that **MARIA ROSARIO ISABEL "MARISSA" GARBALLO** of Unit No. 110, M. Palanca St., San Juan City, Metro Manila, whose picture appears above, is no longer connected with **BRIGHTSKIES TRAVEL AND TOURS, INC. (BTT)** at 7th Floor, ELJ Building Tower, 3D Quezon Ave., Quezon City effective March 31, 2012.

As such, she is not anymore authorized to conduct any business in the name of BTT. Accordingly, any transactions made by her in the name of BTT starting March 31, 2012, will no longer be honored by the Company.

She has a pending criminal case before the Office of the City Prosecutor, Quezon City.

(PEN - August 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 2012)

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PHOTOGRAPHER

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- Attentive to details and good coordination skills
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- Excellent customer service and communication skills

Interested applicants may submit their resumes with portfolios at hinge.hrd@gmail.com or admin@hinge.ph. For inquiries you may contact 7549-8510 local 201 or Rochie Adalem.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

JOSEFINE DOLAZA | DONNABELLE CASTILLO | VANESSA SANTIAGO

Let it be known to all that the following persons, **JOSEFINE DOLAZA, DONNABELLE CASTILLO & VANESSA SANTIAGO** are no longer connected with **MJB TECHNOLOGY & SERVICE CO.** or **MJB SYSTEMS AND WIMAX CORP.** as of July 5, July 10 and July 16, 2012, respectively. They are not anymore authorized to conduct any transaction or solicitation in the name of the company. Any transactions made by them in the name of the company will not be honored.

Please report any intent to transact made by the above said individuals under the name of the company, or any complaint, to the following contact numbers:

7939043/9375163/7327186 loc 65 or for email add: for.mjbs@gmail.com

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Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING THE DATE OF HEARING AND APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF APPLICATION(S) FOR REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION RECORDS FILED ON JULY 9 TO 16, 2012 GENERAL REGISTRATION IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM)

BRILLANTES, Sixto, Jr. S. Chairman
SARMIENTO, Rene V. Commissioner
TAGLE, Lucenito N. Commissioner
VELASCO, Armando C. Commissioner
YUSOPH, Elias R. Commissioner
LIM, Christian Robert S. Commissioner

Promulgated: August 03, 2012

RESOLUTION NO. 9515

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections (Commission) promulgated on June 21, 2012 Resolution No. 9475 providing for the **RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE CONDUCT OF GENERAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM)**;

WHEREAS, in said Resolution the hearing and approval/disapproval of application for registration and transfer of registration records were set on August 13 to 17, 2012;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Commission's mandate under Republic Act No. 8189 as embedded in Joint Resolution No. 3 of the Congress of the Philippines and signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III, to ensure honest and credible elections, it is imperative that the list of applicants for registration and transfer of registration records be subjected to cleansing process through Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) prior to the ERB hearing;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, Republic Act No. 8189 and other related election laws, the Commission **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to reset the period for hearing by the Election Registration Board (ERB) in the ARMM to give ample time to complete the biometrics matching, in accordance with the following schedule:

Period to file applications	Last day to post Notice of Hearing with Lists of Applicant	Last day to file opposition to applications	Hearing and Approval/ Disapproval of applications	Last day to post ERB action
July 9 to July 28, 2012	September 6, 2012	September 13, 2012	September 26 to 28, 2012 (Inclusive of Saturday and Sunday)	September 30, 2012

Let the Election and Barangay Affairs Department implement this Resolution, and the Education and Information Department publish this resolution in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

SO ORDERED.

SIXTO S. BRILLANTES, JR.
Chairman

RENE V. SARMIENTO
Commissioner

LUCENITO N. TAGLE
Commissioner

ARMANDO C. VELASCO
Commissioner

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ELIAS R. YUSOPH
Commissioner

CHRISTIAN ROBERT S. LIM
Commissioner

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